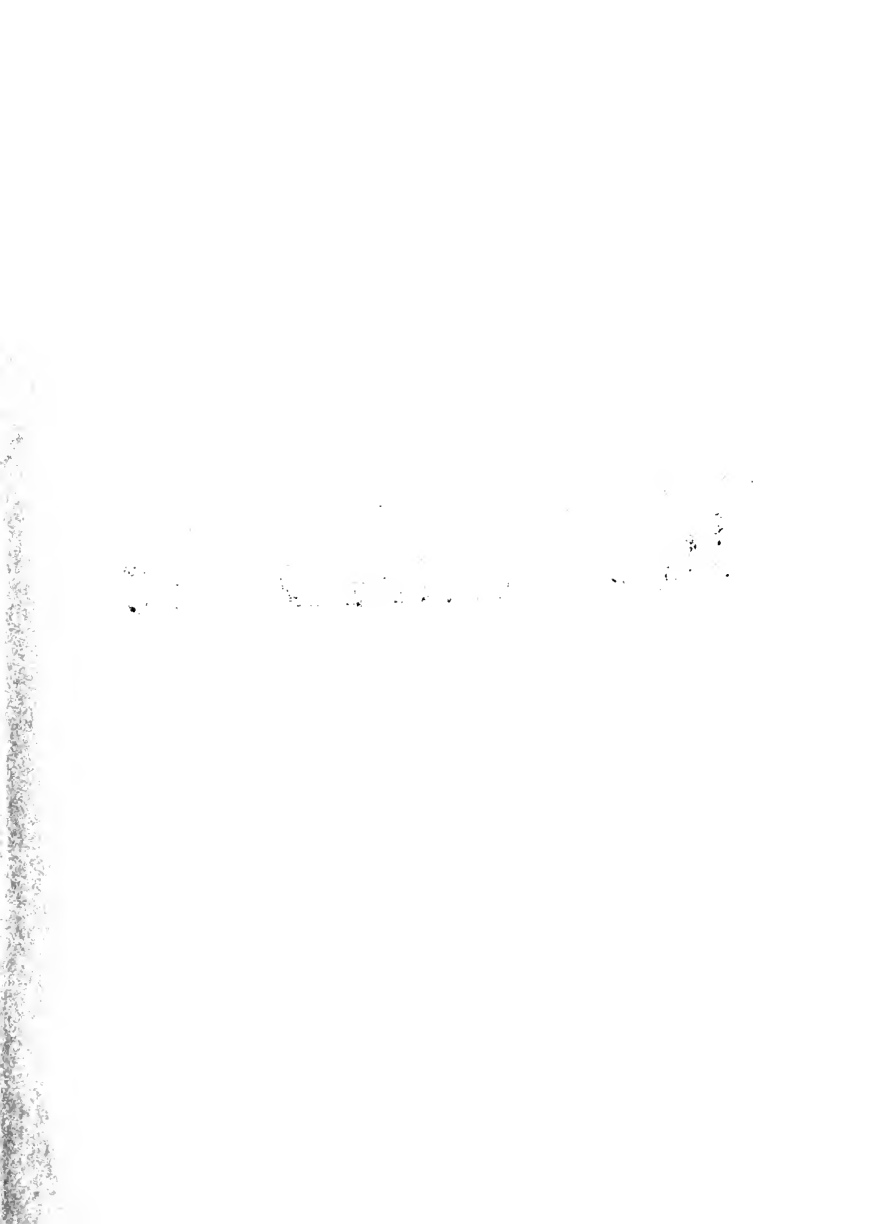




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## FOREWORD

Bulletin No. 177-72 discusses the watermaster service provided by the Department of Water Resources to areas in Northern California during the 1972 watermaster season. Authority to prepare this report is described in the California Water Code, Division 2, Part 4, Chapter 7.

The bulletin is presented in two parts. The first part contains general information about water rights, water supply, service areas, and watermaster duties. The second part contains descriptions of the 17 active service areas, the basis of the service in each area, methods of distribution and the specifics of the 1972 watermaster season, including streamflow in the various service areas, and other significant information.



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North Fork	French Creek	45,46			8	47
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Hamlin Creek	M.F. Feather River	62			11j	74
Hartson Slough	Susan River	161			19,19e	168,174
Hat Creek	Hat Creek	49	15	50	9,9c	51,54
Hendricks Canal (Also known as Toadtown Canal, import)	Butte Creek	25	11	27		
Highrock Creek	Surprise Valley				18	149
Hills Creek	Susan River	161				
Hog Flat Res.	Susan River	162	60	167	19	168
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Indian Creek	Indian Creek	55,56	16	56	10,10c	57,60
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Mill Creek	S.F. Pit River	129,130			17	134
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Negro Creek	N.F. Pit River				13h	99
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North Channel	M.F. Feather River (See Little Last Chance Creek)					
North Channel	Surprise Valley (See Pine Creek)					
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N.F. Cottonwood C.	N.F. Cottonwood Creek (See Cottonwood Creek)					
N.F. Davis Creek	N.F. Pit River (See Davis Creek)					
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Parker Creek	Susan River	161-163			19d	173
Parker Creek	N.F. Pit River	81,82	31	90	13h	99
Parks Creek	Shasta River	111,112	34	115	16e	124
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Plute Creek	Susan River	161-163			19,19a	168,169
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Little Shasta R.	Shasta River	111-113	37	117	16,16h	119,127
Lower Shasta R.	Shasta River	113-114			161	128
Upper Shasta R.	Shasta River	112			16a	120
Shields Creek	N.F. Pit River	81,82	30	89	13h	99
Silver Creek	Cow Creek				6e	39
Slaughter Pole C.	Cow Creek				63	39
Sloss Creek	Susan River				19	168
Smithneck Creek	M.F. Feather River	61,62			11c	67
East Channel	M.F. Feather River				11d	68
Middle Channel	M.F. Feather River				11d	68
West Channel	M.F. Feather River				11d	68
Soldier Creek	Surprise Valley	141	47	144	18c	153
South Channel	N.F. Pit River (See Davis Creek)					
South Channel	N.F. Pit River (See Franklin Creek)					
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S.F. Pit River	S.F. Pit River (See Pit River)					
Spring Brook	M.F. Feather River				11j	74
Spring Channels	M.F. Feather River	62			11k	75
Spring Creek	Burney Creek				4	23
Susan River	Susan River	161-163	56,58	165,166	19,b,c	168,70,71
Tanner Slough	Susan River	161			19,19e	168,174
Thoms Creek	N.F. Pit River	81,82	28	88	13f	97
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Town Creek	M.F. Feather River				11e,11f	69,70
Truckee R., Little	M.F. Feather River, Import (See Little Truckee Diversion)					
Tule Canal	Susan River				19e	174
Turner Canyon	M.F. Feather River				11j	74
Turner Creek	M.F. Feather River	62			11j	74
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West Side Canal	S.F. Pit River				17,17d	134,138
West Valley Creek	S.F. Pit River	130	41	132	17c	137
West Valley Res.	S.F. Pit River	129,130			17,17c	134,137
Whitehead Slough	Susan River	161			19e	174
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Willow Creek	Susan River	161-163	59	166	19,19f	168,175
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Wimer Branch	Surprise Valley				18b	152
Wolf Creek	Indian Creek	55,56			10a	58
Wyndham Creek	Cow Creek				6e	39



## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose and Benefits

The primary purpose of watermaster service is to distribute water in accordance with established water rights. This is accomplished by apportioning to the rightful users the available supplies in streams which have had water right determinations.

Distribution of water in watermaster service areas is a continuing statutory function of the Department of Water Resources as provided in Part 4 of Division 2 of the California Water Code.

A major benefit of watermaster service to water users and the State is that court litigation and physical violence, which in past years occurred quite frequently, are essentially eliminated.

Under watermaster service each water right owner is assured that his rights are being protected without his having to take legal action against other users. Another important benefit results from increased use of available supplies through reduction of waste.

Because both the water right owners and the State receive benefits from watermaster service, the costs of performing the service are shared. The State general tax fund pays for one-half the cost of operating each service area. The water right owners in the service area pay the other one-half. Individual users' shares are determined in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 7 of the above-mentioned Part 4 of Division 2 of the Water Code.

### Determination of Water Rights

Almost all of the streams under state watermaster service have had their water rights defined by the courts under one of three adjudication procedures. These adjudications (decrees) establish each owner's rights as to allowable rate of diversion, season of use, point of diversion, and place of use. They also establish priorities whereby each owner's rights are ranked in relation to the rights of all other decreed owners. Under this system all rights of any one priority must be fully satisfied before water can be diverted under any lower priority rights.

Water rights determinations necessary for establishing watermaster service areas may be accomplished by "statutory adjudication", "court adjudication", "court reference", permit or license to appropriate, or agreement.

### Statutory Adjudications

The California Water Code (Sections 2500-2900) contains procedures whereby

water users on any stream may petition the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, to make a legal determination of water rights on that stream. If the Board finds that such a determination is in the public interest, it proceeds with a statutory adjudication. This adjudication ultimately results in a court decree which defines all water rights on the stream.

### Court Adjudications

A less extensive method of defining water rights involves a "court adjudication" procedure. This type of adjudication results when two or more parties involved in a water rights dispute seek a solution to their problem under civil law. A decision handed down in such a civil action determines only the water rights of those parties named in the action and therefore does not necessarily define all water rights on the stream. As a result, serious conflicts sometimes arise between decreed water right owners and persons claiming riparian or

appropriative rights which were not specified in the decree.

### Court Reference

The "court reference" type of adjudication arises when a civil action as discussed above is referred to the State

## Watermaster Service Areas

### Formation

Watermaster service is provided in areas where the rights have been defined by the superior court or by agreement and where an unbiased qualified person is needed to properly apportion the available water according to the established rights. The Director of Water Resources creates watermaster service areas where these conditions exist, following either a request by the users or an order by the superior court.

The first watermaster service areas were created in September 1929. Prior to 1929, some watermaster service was provided in accordance with the Water Commission Act of 1913. There are now about 50 streams in Northern California which are under state watermaster service. Two new service areas were created on June 22, 1972, and service began in them on July 1.

The counties and principal water sources of the various service areas in Northern California are listed in Table 1. Of

Water Resources Control Board for a determination under authority contained in Sections 2000-2076 of the Water Code. The Board's report becomes the basis of the court's decision. As in court adjudications, a court reference determines only the water rights of the parties named in the action.

these 20 areas, 18 are in the Department's Northern District. In 1972, one service area, Seiad Creek, Siskiyou County, was inactive, and two, Pine Creek, Tehama County, and Willow Creek, Siskiyou County, were created and operated for the first time.

### Description of Region

The service areas are primarily in the mountainous northeastern part of the State where the growing season varies between about 100 and 140 days. Meadow hay and alfalfa are the principal crops under irrigation, although a considerable amount of land is used exclusively for pasturing livestock. Most irrigation is accomplished by gravity systems, with water users diverting directly from the streams at one or more diversion points. However, pumped diversions and sprinkler irrigation systems are becoming popular in some areas.

A map of this region showing the 20 service areas is presented in Figure 1.

## Watermaster Responsibilities

### Authority

To assure the proper distribution of water within his service area, each watermaster must ascertain the amount of water available and distribute it both by amount and priority in accordance with established water rights. To accomplish his responsibility, the watermaster is provided authority both by the Water Code and by provisions of pertinent court decrees or voluntary

agreements to physically regulate the various streams in the service area. He is further authorized to supervise the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of diversion dams, headgates, and measuring devices.

Each watermaster supervises water distribution at approximately 100 to 200 diversions in one or more service areas. The frequency of visiting these diversion points increases substantially in years of short water supply.



## Control Devices

Permanent measurement and control devices, which the State requires (Water Code Sections 4100-4104) at each owner's main point of diversion, are constructed by the water users under supervision of the watermaster. Installation of accurate, easily set, and lockable structures is a continuing objective of watermaster service, since once they are built, conflicts among water users almost always stop. Also, the watermaster's ability to visit and set each diversion on a regular basis is greatly facilitated by good structures.

## Water Supply

Water supply in the watermaster service areas is derived principally from unregulated runoff of small streams. Peak runoff, mostly snowmelt, occurs in the spring, with relatively small streamflow occurring in the summer and early fall. Additional supplies from storage reservoirs and ground water pumping are used in some areas to supplement natural streamflow. However, state watermasters do not supervise the use of ground water in Northern California.

In some service areas the water supply must be predicted in advance to determine the date watermastering will begin and, to some extent, the manpower needed. The Department's Bulletin 120 series, "Water Conditions in California", is used to assist in these predictions.

## Precipitation

The streamflow available for distribution is affected by total precipitation, amount of snowpack, air temperature, and the amount of rainfall received during the irrigation season. The latter is particularly important in the Upper Pit River-Surprise Valley areas, where about 25 to 30 percent of the annual precipitation occurs normally in April, May, and June. Spring storms, which are normally accompanied by relatively cool temperatures, materially affect both

## Interpretation of Decrees

The watermaster is often called upon to make immediate field or on-the-spot interpretations of various court decrees, agreements, etc. Since most of these documents were written more than 30 years ago, many situations have developed that were not initially considered. Therefore, the watermaster must use sound, careful, and practical judgment in attempting to reach workable solutions to water disputes. To accomplish this he must possess a good understanding of California water rights law.

the supply and the demand for water. Temperatures in the spring affect the demand for water and the manner in which snowmelt runoff occurs. A hot, dry spring depletes the water supply very early, even in years of normal snowpack. A cold, wet spring can extend the supply well into the irrigation season, but cold temperatures retard the growth of crops and are not necessarily desirable.

Data collected at representative snow courses showing the snowpack as of April 1, 1972, on all courses and the snowpack on May 1 and June 1 at selected courses, is presented in Table 2. This information was obtained from the Department's Bulletin 120-72.

Table 3 reports the quantity of precipitation at selected stations in the service areas during the 1971-72 water year. The seasonal precipitation gives an indication of the related water supply available for distribution and provides a basis for comparing the current year's supply with a long-term average.

## Streamflow

The general water supply available for diversion within each watermaster area is determined from stream gaging stations placed at key locations in the main stream channels. Several major stations are installed and maintained by the

Figure 1

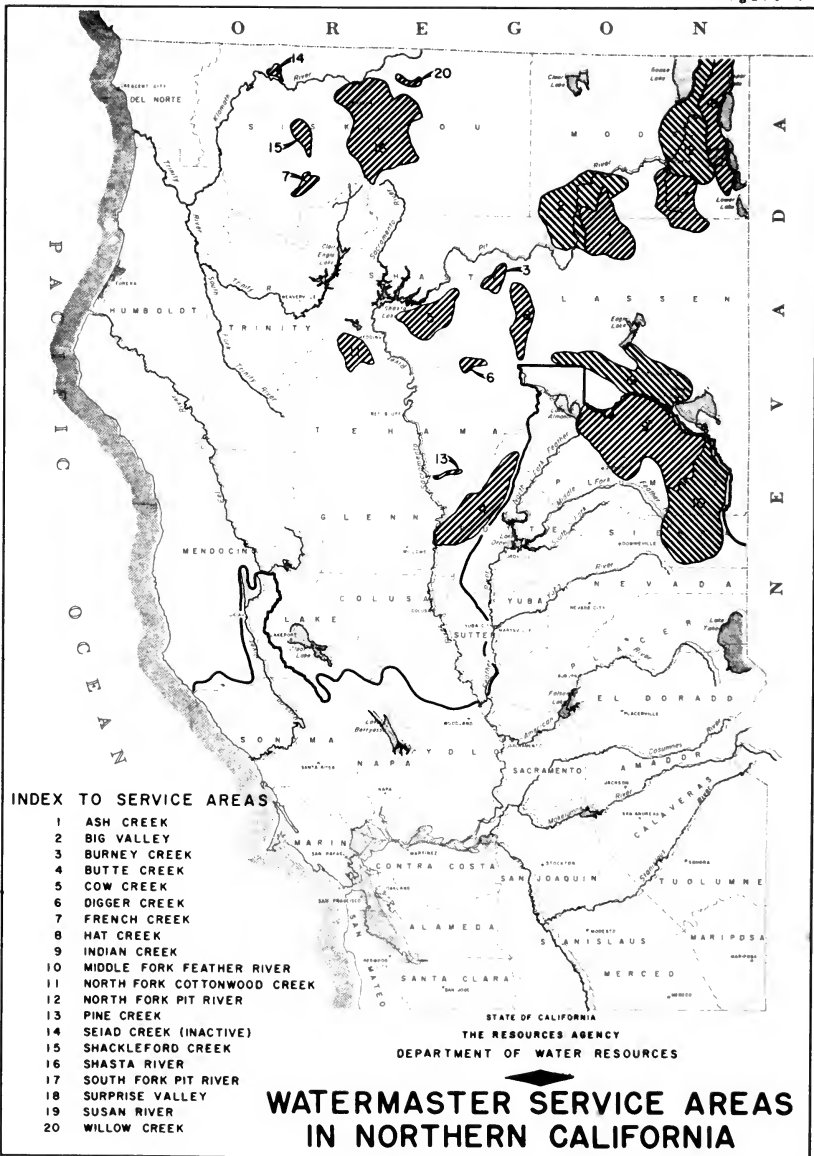


TABLE 1  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREAS AND STREAM SYSTEMS

Service Area	County	Principal Water Sources	
		MAJOR STREAM and Tributaries*	Reservoirs and Nontributary Streams
Ash Creek	Lassen, Modoc	ASH CREEK	
Big Valley	Lassen, Modoc	PIT RIVER	Roberts Reservoir
Burney Creek	Shasta	BURNEY CREEK	
Butte Creek	Butte	BUTTE CREEK	W. Branch Feather River
Cow Creek	Shasta	COW CREEK** N. Cow, Clover, Oak Run Creeks	
Digger Creek	Shasta, Tehama	DIGGER CREEK	
French Creek	Siskiyou	FRENCH CREEK Miners Creek	Duck Lake, Paynes Lake
Hat Creek	Shasta	HAT CREEK	
Indian Creek	Plumas	INDIAN CREEK Lights Creek, Wolf Creek	
Middle Fork Feather River	Plumas, Sierra	M. FORK FEATHER RIVER Little Lost Chance, Smithneck, Webber and Fletcher Creeks; Spring Channels, Westside Canal	Little Truckee River
N. Fork Cotton- wood Creek	Shasta	N. FORK COTTONWOOD CREEK	Rainbow Lake
North Fork Pit River	Modoc	N. FORK PIT RIVER Parker Creek	Pine, Cottonwood, Davis Creeks
Pine Creek	Butte, Tehama	PINE CREEK	
Siad Creek	Siskiyou	Inactive	
Shackleford Creek	Siskiyou	SHACKLEFORD CREEK Mill Creek	Campbell and Cliff Lakes
Shasta River	Siskiyou	SHASTA RIVER Little Shasta River	Owinell Reservoir (Lake Shastina)
South Fork Pit River	Modoc	S. FORK PIT RIVER Pine and Fitzhugh Creeks	West Valley Reservoir
Surprise Valley	Modoc	NONE (All creeks listed at right, are unconnected)	Bidwell, Mill, Soldier, Pine, Cedar, Deep, Owl, Rader, Eagle and Emerson Creeks
Susan River	Lassen	SUSAN RIVER Willow Creek	Lake Leavitt, Hog Flat, McCoy Flat Reservoirs; Baxter and Parker Creeks
Willow Creek	Siskiyou	WILLOW CREEK	

\* Only principal tributaries are included. A complete listing is given in "Index to Water Sources,"  
page vii.

\*\* Cow Creek proper not in service area.

United States Geological Survey as part of a federal-state program for collection of year-round streamflow records. In addition, several stream gaging stations are installed and operated by the watermasters during the irrigation season to provide supplemental information. Also, water stage recorders are often installed

by the watermaster in selected diversion ditches to further assist him in proper distribution of the various water right allotments.

Table 4 presents runoff data at selected stream gaging stations in or near the service areas.

TABLE 2  
SNOWPACK AS OF APRIL 1 AND MAY 1, 1972 AT REPRESENTATIVE SNOW COURSES

Watermaster Service Areas (Grouped Geographically)*	Snow Courses* Relating to Each Group	Elevation (in feet)	WATER CONTENT OF SNOW			
			April 1, 1972		May 1, 1972**	
			April 1 Average (in inches)	In Percent of April 1 Average	In Inches	In Percent of April 1 Average
French Creek	Perks Creek	8,700	35.1	34.3	88	
Sheekiaford Creek	Widdle Boulder No. 1	8,800	30.7	24.5	80	21.8
Shoala River	Little Shoala	8,200	20.0	27.1	138	71
Ash Creek	Blue Lake Bench	7,300	10.3	8.7	84	
Big Valley	Eagle Peak	7,300	15.5	21.1	138	
North Fork Pit River	Cedar Pass	7,100	16.8	21.0	130	17.8
South Fork Pit River	Adin Mountain	8,350	13.6	11.4	84	1.7
Surprise Valley						12
Burney Creek	Thousand Lakes	8,500	38.4	27.8	78	28.4
Coe Creek	New Menzies Lake	5,800	7.4	0.0	0	0.0
Digger Creek	Burney Springs	4,700	2.8	0.0	0	0.0
Hol Creek						0
Butte Creek	Humbag Summit	4,850	11.8	0.0	0	0.0
Susan River	Silver Lake Meadows	8,450	28.4	18.5	68	15.8
	Fredanoyr Pass No. 1	5,750	8.7	0.0	0	0.0
Indian Creek	Independence Lake	8,450	41.3	35.2	85	43.0
Middle Fork Feather River	Mount Gayer No. 1	7,100	24.8	18.7	87	18.1
	Rowland Creek	8,700	17.8	18.8	81	7.0
	Yuba Pass	8,700	30.0	18.5	62	15.1

\* Snow courses are listed in order of elevation within each geographical group of watermaster service areas.

\*\* Data collected only at stations listed.

TABLE 3  
PRECIPITATION AT SELECTED STATIONS - 1971-72 SEASON

Station Name	County	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total	Percent of Mean
Fort Jones Ranger Station	Siskiyou	0.86 1.59	3.87 2.77	2.77 4.02	7.30 4.08	2.12 3.14	2.94 2.21	1.20 0.98	0.88 1.11	1.43 0.81	0.00 0.35	0.38 0.34	2.47 0.40	28.81 21.78	124
Happy Camp Ranger Station	Siskiyou	1.35 4.07	10.71 7.25	8.84 10.41	10.71 11.31	8.78 8.24	8.88 8.45	4.78 2.72	1.08 2.18	0.30 1.06	0.04 0.38	0.78 0.17	1.02 0.74	58.27 54.98	108
Yreka	Siskiyou	0.79 1.45	2.77 2.00	2.28 3.30	4.23 3.18	1.85 2.20	3.21 1.81	1.35 0.82	0.88 1.03	1.21 0.86	0.01 0.27	0.34 0.38	1.18 0.45	18.82 17.78	112
Shico Experimental Station	Bulla	0.21 1.48	1.73 2.41	2.88 3.12	1.73 3.03	1.84 4.43	0.80 3.28	1.38 2.31	0.95 1.18	0.50 0.44	0.00 0.01	0.01 0.07	0.41 0.33	11.88 28.08	45
Bedding Fire Station No. 2	Shasta	0.47 2.27	5.27 3.78	4.43 7.28	4.48 7.88	2.88 8.18	3.32 4.80	1.83 2.85	1.41 1.74	1.51 1.31	0.00 0.11	0.00 0.12	1.38 0.81	28.87 38.82	89
Hot Creek Power House No. 1	Shasta	0.48 1.38	1.82 1.83	2.01 2.93	1.87 2.85	3.43 2.84	0.58 2.02	1.23 1.35	1.15 1.28	0.02 0.77	0.00 0.28	0.00 0.18	2.25 0.47	14.83 18.08	83
Lookout 2088	Lassen	0.85 1.87	1.88 3.54	2.80 5.31	2.48 8.25	4.04 1.21	1.05 1.80	1.58 1.73	1.04 1.18	0.10 1.85	0.00 0.11	0.00 0.48	1.21 0.47	18.58 28.08	84
Lahavien, Oregon	Lake	1.07 1.21	1.81 1.37	1.52 1.88	2.88 1.84	1.70 1.71	1.20 1.52	0.58 1.15	0.18 1.51	0.22 1.28	0.05 0.22	0.17 0.17	1.27 0.58	14.87 14.44	104
Alturas Ranger Station	Modoc	0.73 1.07	1.38 1.39	0.80 1.83	1.53 1.82	2.48 1.45	0.81 1.37	0.88 1.03	0.84 1.31	0.24 1.03	0.04 0.31	0.18 0.22	1.42 0.43	11.43 12.82	88
Jess Valley	Modoc	1.12 1.31	2.18 1.88	1.88 1.82	2.25 1.88	1.58 1.85	1.83 1.88	1.78 1.84	0.78 2.82	1.03 1.82	0.48 0.41	0.37 0.28	1.47 0.88	18.88 17.22	88
Cedarville	Modoc	0.38 1.17	1.85 0.41	1.75 1.88	2.41 1.84	2.55 1.50	2.10 1.45	1.18 0.99	0.74 1.04	0.30 0.84	0.00 0.33	0.11 0.15	0.81 0.37	14.34 12.88	111
Susville Airport	Lassen	0.12 0.87	0.81 1.51	5.48 2.98	1.34 2.53	1.17 2.51	0.55 1.51	0.74 0.82	0.88 0.83	0.24 0.87	0.40 0.18	0.00 0.08	0.84 0.35	11.85 14.48	83
Greenville Ranger Station	Plumas	0.33 2.81	3.38 4.81	8.45 5.83	2.41 8.88	5.82 7.44	1.74 8.47	4.43 2.84	1.40 1.70	0.28 0.35	0.00 0.35	0.00 0.21	0.85 0.85	30.20 42.98	70
Sierraville Ranger Station	Sierra	0.38 1.83	2.80 2.78	3.54 4.48	1.80 4.94	1.84 4.23	1.02 2.84	2.17 1.63	1.44 1.25	0.31 0.54	0.00 0.28	0.18 0.15	1.74 0.44	18.23 25.38	78
Vinton	Plumas	0.07 0.88	1.18 1.44	2.88 2.12	0.87 1.84	0.80 1.87	0.28 1.43	0.87 0.84	1.70 1.01	0.13 0.50	0.00 0.38	0.51 0.18	1.24 0.25	10.14 12.83	78

Note: Figures above line are for current season; below the line are long-term averages.

TABLE 4  
RUNOFF AT SELECTED STATIONS - 1971-72 SEASON (IN ACRE-Feet)

Station	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total	Average*	Percent Average
Shasta River near Yreka	11,880	12,770	14,870	24,230	18,850	37,810	13,830	8,380	4,700	1,880	2,000	4,820	155,800	133,300	117
Hot Creek near Hot Creek	10,180	10,100	8,840	8,880	8,200	10,880	10,280	12,200	11,430	8,510	8,200	8,880	121,700	88,280	123
Pit River near Conby	8,840	8,470	8,780	27,150	38,310	107,800	31,470	24,230	14,380	3,350	5,780	5,170	282,200	181,800	155
South Fork Pit River near Libby	3,330	3,240	2,480	3,820	2,350	13,480	12,820	18,280	11,300	9,830	11,120	3,880	82,820	55,480	187
Susan River at Susanville	848	1,230	1,240	2,830	5,200	14,740	8,840	7,810	4,370	8,480	2,000	984	59,080	72,300	78
Indian Creek near Crescent Mills	7,870	7,880	11,350	15,800	28,580	80,430	44,810	31,720	8,730	1,560	888	1,818	241,000	408,800	80
Middle Fork Feather River near Elie	4,580	8,580	7,420	14,150	28,780	34,480	20,080	12,120	8,580	2,150	1,820	2,920	141,200	211,500	87
Bulla Creek near Chico	7,880	8,880	14,120	18,830	24,300	33,870	32,080	20,340	12,310	8,580	7,510	7,080	182,400	281,300	88

\* Long-term average.



## SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND 1972 NARRATIVES

This portion of the report consists of 19 sections, one for each service area active in 1972, presented in alphabetical order.

Each of these sections begins with a description of the particular service area, including location, geography, and general characteristics. Following this is a new section entitled "Basis of Service". Under this heading are presented such data as the case number, date, and type of decrees; a brief summary of the decree or agreement which defines the water rights; dates the service areas were created; and other related information.

As in earlier issues, these sections of the bulletin also present data on the water supply, methods of distribution, significant events of the watermaster season, and daily streamflow records. In this bulletin, maps of the stream systems, including diversion locations, roads, etc., shown in their true relationship, are being introduced instead of the schematic figures.

A noticeable trend in recent years is the increasing number of water right owners in many areas, due to subdividing or "splitting" of property. For example, in the Ash Creek service area the number has increased from 32 in 1967 to 59 in 1972, almost doubling in 5 years. This trend not only causes more work for the individual watermasters, but makes it difficult to maintain up-to-date records of all ownerships and their respective water rights. As a result, the individual rights shown in connection with the maps may not be completely up-to-date.

As in previous years, watermaster service was begun on different dates in the various areas depending upon the streamflow conditions, the ranchers' needs for the water, or, as on some streams, the terms of the decree. Service was continued in all areas through the growing season and concluded on September 30, 1972.

The date service was started in each service area and the name of the watermaster in charge are listed below:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Date Service Began</u>	<u>Watermaster</u>
Ash Creek	May 1, 1972	John A. Nolan
Big Valley	May 1, 1972	Virgil D. Buechler
Burney Creek	June 1, 1972	John M. Miller
Butte Creek	April 26, 1972	Kenneth E. Morgan
Cow Creek	June 1, 1972	John M. Miller
Digger Creek	June 1, 1972	John M. Miller
French Creek	July 1, 1972	George E. Pape
Hat Creek	May 1, 1972	Virgil D. Buechler
Indian Creek*	April 15, 1972	Harvey M. Jorgenson
M.F. Feather River*	April 1, 1972	Conrad Lehr, H. Joe Nessler
N.F. Cottonwood Creek	June 1, 1972	John M. Miller
N.F. Pit River	April 29, 1972	Charles H. Holmes
Pine Creek	July 1, 1972	Kenneth E. Morgan
Shackleford Creek	June 1, 1972	George E. Pape
Shasta River	April 2, 1972	George E. Pape
S.F. Pit River	April 10, 1972	John A. Nolan
Surprise Valley	March 19, 1972	William E. Gill, Jr.
Susan River	April 1, 1972	Lester L. Lighthall
Willow Creek	July 1, 1972	George E. Pape

\* Within Central District; all others in Northern District





## Ash Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Ash Creek service area is situated in Modoc and Lassen Counties near the town of Adin, about 100 miles northeast of Redding on State Highway 299. Figure 2, page 13, shows the Ash Creek stream system and diversions plus the principal roads in the area.

The major regulated streams in the service area are Ash Creek and three tributaries, Willow, Rush, and Butte Creeks. Ash Creek rises in the eastern part of the service area and flows westerly through the town of Adin into Ash Creek swamp and there to the Pit River. The valley floor in this vicinity is at an elevation of approximately 4,200 feet. Rush Creek heads in the northeastern part of the service area and joins Ash Creek above the town of Adin. Willow Creek and Butte Creek originate in the southeastern part of the service area and join Ash Creek near the head of Ash Creek swamp.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this creek system were determined by a court reference and set forth in Decree No. 3670, Modoc County Superior Court, dated October 27, 1947. The Ash Creek watermaster service area was created April 3, 1958. From 1949 through 1957 Ash Creek was included as a part of the Big Valley watermaster service area.

There are 59 water users in the service area with water rights totaling 123.65 cubic feet per second. Approximately 85 percent of the water rights in the service area are in Big Valley, west of the town of Adin. The remaining water rights are along the upstream tributaries and in Ash Valley. The portion of Big Valley served is approximately 10 miles long by 6 miles wide, extending from the town of Adin to the confluence of Ash Creek and the Pit River.

The Ash Creek decree establishes the number of priority classes on various stream systems within the Ash Creek service area as follows: Ash Creek - five; Willow Creek - four; Rush Creek - one, and Butte Creek - two. Each of these streams is independently regulated.

### Water Supply

The water supply for Ash and Rush Creeks is derived primarily from snowmelt, since most of the watershed is between 5,000 and 6,000 feet in elevation. Willow and Butte Creeks receive a substantial portion of their water from springs. These creeks normally have sufficient water to satisfy demands until about June 1, after which the supply decreases rapidly. By the latter part of June, Ash Creek normally has receded to about 20 cubic feet per second, Rush Creek to about 2 cubic feet per second, Willow Creek to about 5 cubic feet per second, and Butte Creek to less than 1 cubic foot per second. The flow of these creeks then remains nearly constant for the remainder of the season.

The daily mean discharge of Ash Creek at Adin is presented in Table 5, page 12. This stream gaging station is downstream from a substantial number of the points of diversion; consequently, the table does not include all of the available supply of this creek.

No stream gaging stations were operated on Butte, Rush, or Willow Creeks during the 1972 season.

### Method of Distribution

Irrigation diversions from Ash Creek and its tributaries are accomplished by small dams placed in the stream channels. Most of the users have several diversion ditches at these dams. These ditches convey the water to the fields where it is spread by means of small laterals. Some of the users

employ a system of checks and borders, but most of the land is irrigated by wild flooding. Return flow is captured by downstream ranches for reuse. In one case a rancher may recirculate his drain water before returning it to the creek for further use. In a few areas, pumps are used to divert the water into ditches or through sprinkler systems.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began May 1 in the Ash Creek service area and continued until September 30. John A. Nolan, Water Resources Technician II, was watermaster during this period.

**Willow Creek.** The available water supply in Willow Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (four priorities) until the first of June. The flow then dropped rapidly, causing regulation of second priority allotments to begin during the first week of June. Throughout the remainder of June and continuing until late

August, the flow receded gradually. At this time, and for the remainder of the season, about 50 percent of the second priority allotments were served.

**Butte Creek.** The available water supply in Butte Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (two priorities) until late spring. During the remainder of the season the flow gradually decreased. However, no distribution problems were encountered.

**Ash Creek.** The available water supply in Ash Creek was sufficient to meet all demands (five priorities) until the latter part of June. For most of the remainder of the irrigation season, water was available for first priority allotments only.

**Rush Creek.** The available water supply in Rush Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (one priority) until the end of July. By late September the flow had gradually decreased to about 80 percent of all allotments.

### ASH CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

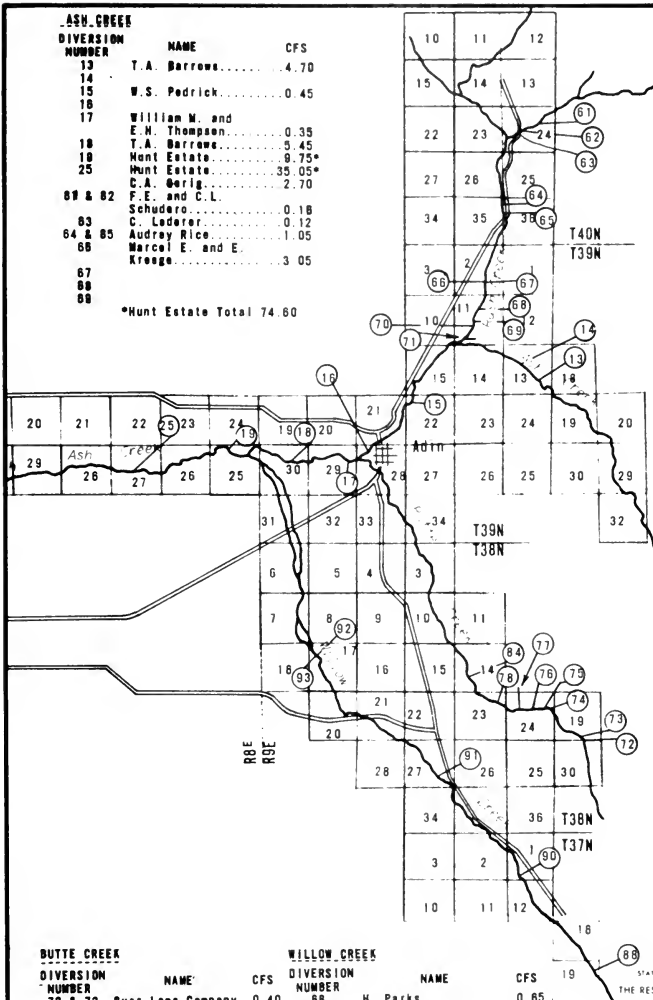
TABLE 5  
ASH CREEK AT AOIN

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	738	116	68	30	19	28	9.5	8
2	733	132	66	28	20	30	14	2
3	1480	126	66	30	21	29	15	3
4	1070	121	65	30	20	29	20	4
5	832	129	65	29	20	30	23	5
6	631	123	66	38	17	30	27	6
7	520	114	64	40	16	30	20	7
8	441	108	70	40	15	31	17	8
9	414	104	70	33	16	32	16	9
10	433	100	58	25	16	35	17	10
11	410	99	55	25	16	30	19	11
12	391	107	50	28	16	29	24	12
13	407	108	48	25	15	29	21	13
14	372	128	41	23	17	29	20	14
15	313	132	40	22	18	28	20	15
16	281	113	42	22	16	28	20	16
17	285	98	46	22	16	26	20	17
18	257	91	48	22	15	26	20	18
19	231	87	48	22	16	24	20	19
20	211	85	75	22	16	23	21	20
21	189	83	70	21	16	23	22	21
22	198	81	62	20	25	24	23	22
23	199	80	54	21	31	24	23	23
24	183	82	46	22	25	19	24	24
25	188	81	43	21	33	14	26	25
26	188	78	39	21	26	16	37	26
27	157	74	36	21	24	20	51	27
28	145	74	34	20	25	18	33	28
29	134	71	32	18	26	18	26	29
30	124	71	31	18	26	15	27	30
31	117	31	31	28	28	9.6	31	31
Mean	594	99.8	52.6	25.3	20.3	22.1	22.5	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	24240	5942	3235	1505	1246	1540	1340	Runoff in Acre-Feet

**ASH CREEK**

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
13	T.A. Barrows.....	4.70
14		
15	W.S. Pedrick.....	0.45
16		
17	William M. and E.M. Thompson.....	0.35
18	T.A. Barrows.....	5.45
19	Hunt Estate.....	9.75*
25	Hunt Estate.....	35.05*
	C.A. Borig.....	2.70
81 & 82	F.E. and C.L. Schudero.....	0.18
83	C. Lederer.....	0.12
84 & 85	Audrey Rice.....	1.05
86	Marcel E. and E. Kreege.....	3.05
87		
88		
89		

\*Hunt Estate Total 74.60

**BUTTE CREEK**

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
72 & 73	Burr Lane Company.....	0.40
74, 75, & 76	Haury, Edgar E Jr. and J.P.....	1.60
75, 77 & 78	Dunn, Stanley.....	0.19
	Ramoning, W. James and Sharon D.....	0.04
	Furby, James R.....	0.13
84	Schmidt, Elmer H. W.K. and D.M.....	1.00

**WILLOW CREEK**

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
88	H. Parks.....	0.65
90a	Lassen County Title Company.....	0.60
81	E.B. Armstrong.....	0.50
92	Frosty Acres Inc.....	3.90
93	Weigand, Norma et al.....	3.20
	Hunt, Harry C and Cleo V.....	1.80
94	Hunt, Harry C. and Cleo V.....	1.80

Permanent Recorder Station (DWR-Ash Creek at Adin)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
**DIVERSIONS FROM  
ASH CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**

Scale of Miles





## Big Valley Watermaster Service Area

The Big Valley service area is in Modoc and Lassen Counties in the vicinity of the towns of Lookout and Bieber, about 90 miles northeast of Redding via State Route 299.

The Pit River is the major source of water regulated by the watermaster. The river enters the valley north of the town of Lookout and flows southerly through the western part of the valley and out at the southern end. The major area of use is about 13 miles of valley floor, up to 6 miles wide, along the Pit River at an approximate elevation of 4,200 feet.

A map of the Big Valley stream system with towns, roads and diversions is presented as Figure 3, pages 18 and 19.

### Basis of Service

The water rights in this service area were set forth in Decree No. 6395, Modoc County Superior Court, a statutory decree, dated February 17, 1959. The Big Valley watermaster service area was created on November 13, 1934, and service began with the 1935 season, operating under an agreement recorded in 1934.

Distributing the water on a continuous-flow basis, as provided by the decree, has proven impracticable because of the wide variation of flow which frequently occurs. By mutual agreement, an alternative procedure has been established allowing each user a definite amount of water in acre-feet (AF) for each cubic foot per second (cfs) of right allotted by the decree. The watermaster estimates the amount of water available for the next 15 to 30 days and then chooses the appropriate acre-foot/cfs ratio so that the rotation through the valley is completed in not more than 30 days.

There are 58 water users in the service area with total rights of 241.82 cfs,

of which 154.23 cfs are second priority, 29.59 cfs third priority, and 43 cfs fourth priority; with 15 cfs set aside for first priority (stock water and channel storage). Under the decree, the water rights were determined on a basis of 1 cfs per 70 acres of irrigable land.

### Water Supply

The flow in the Pit River at the head of Big Valley is derived principally from direct runoff, mainly snowmelt, and return flow from irrigation water released from West Valley and Big Sage Reservoirs above South Fork Pit River and Hot Springs Valleys, respectively.

The available water supply in the Pit River as it flows through Big Valley is ordinarily adequate to satisfy all demands until about June 1. The irrigation practices in Hot Springs Valley, about 20 miles upstream from Big Valley, have a significant effect on the available water supply in Big Valley throughout the remainder of the irrigation season. Water users in Hot Springs Valley divert most of the flow of the Pit River for 2- or 3-week periods. Natural flow available for use in Big Valley during these periods is often less than 20 cfs. Periodic releases from channel storage in the lower end of the valley sometimes increase the flow to as much as 200 to 300 cfs for relatively short periods. Consequently, equitable water distribution in Big Valley is very difficult to attain.

Roberts Reservoir, which stores runoff of a minor tributary of the Pit River at the upper end of Big Valley above Lookout, serves as a supplemental source of water to those users in the area who are members of the Big Valley Mutual Water Company. Water from this reservoir is released into the Pit River and distributed to members of the water company along with the natural flow to which they are entitled.

Records of two stream gaging stations in the Big Valley service area are presented in Tables 6 and 7, page 17.

### Method of Distribution

Most water users in the Big Valley service area irrigate on a rotation schedule either by wild flooding or by checks and borders. Large flashboard dams placed in the channel make it possible to use the large heads of water characteristic of the supply in the area. In addition, some pumps are used for diversion, both in ditches and directly into sprinkler systems. The ranches which irrigate by wild flooding must use large heads of water in order to cover unlevelled or high ground. Much of the runoff is recaptured for use by downstream lands, resulting in a relatively high irrigation efficiency for the valley.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began in the Big Valley service area on May 1 and continued through September 30, with Virgil D. Buechler, Water Resources Technician II, as watermaster.

The season began with Big Sage and West Valley Reservoirs at full capacity. West Valley Reservoir spilled water until July 1. The snowpack in the Warner Mountains was below normal, so a dry irrigation season was expected. The spring months were abnormally cold, windy, and dry.

The river dams were installed in May and early summer irrigations were started. On June 24, storage in the upper river dams was released and the meadows were

dried up for haying. On July 24, haying operations were completed and the first irrigation after haying was started. A rotation using a 5 AF/cfs-ratio was completed by August 7 with the Roberts Reservoir shareholders using 872 AF and Iverson Reservoir shareholders to receive a 100 percent irrigation. A second rotation of 12.5 AF/cfs was completed August 18 with 160 AF of Roberts Reservoir water and 30 percent of Iverson Reservoir storage being added. A third irrigation of 17.5 AF/cfs was completed August 29, and two more irrigation rotations were completed in September.

Three irrigation rotations in August are very unusual, but as a result of this dry year, the West Valley and Big Sage users irrigated more often, allowing more irrigation runoff water to reach Big Valley.

From July 24 to August 12, 1972, Roberts Reservoir water was released for use by the shareholders as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
Cyril Mamath	86
Hunt Estate	116
Sam Gerig	161
Norris Gerig	150
Ward Kramer	144
D. Babcock and C. Hawkins	230
Eicholtz Ranch	100
Merlin Kennedy	50
Total	1,037

L. Woods, J. McArthur, and J. Britten used 75 percent of the storage of Iverson Reservoir in two irrigations.

**BIG VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 6**  
**PIT RIVER NEAR CANBY**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	4220	534	354	288	233	73	107	1
2	3530	573	340	258	148	73	107	2
3	3630	703	289	193	92	62	70	3
4	4020	726	351	279	48	134	76	4
5	3810	679	367	386	20	109	88	5
6	3360	687	343	453	58	79	85	6
7	2780	680	330	347	60	85	85	7
8	2320	832	388	343	51	81	57	8
9	1990	575	489	449	34	60	144	9
10	1800	543	493	502	48	73	99	10
11	1640	525	420	473	41	104	75	11
12	1530	530	378	473	42	63	107	12
13	1490	553	341	425	45	100	87	13
14	1450	579	248	330	46	110	81	14
15	1390	618	205	242	38	87	84	15
16	1320	655	200	242	24	80	104	16
17	1250	694	354	234	20	101	80	17
18	1230	639	537	188	21	106	87	18
19	1240	535	508	161	39	97	60	19
20	1190	472	552	120	38	95	57	20
21	1100	412	531	87	34	111	57	21
22	1010	402	617	55	34	127	57	22
23	963	368	633	60	33	121	59	23
24	916	366	531	69	32	109	66	24
25	873	366	435	69	28	107	78	25
26	830	391	346	67	29	95	88	26
27	778	359	314	82	43	100	117	27
28	712	341	307	96	64	101	126	28
29	667	348	369	110	71	90	144	29
30	618	363	348	160	105	111	119	30
31	587	297	297	68	68	112	31	31
Mean	1748	526	394	241	54.5	94.1	87	Mean
Runoff In	107600	31470	24230	14360	3350	5780	5170	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

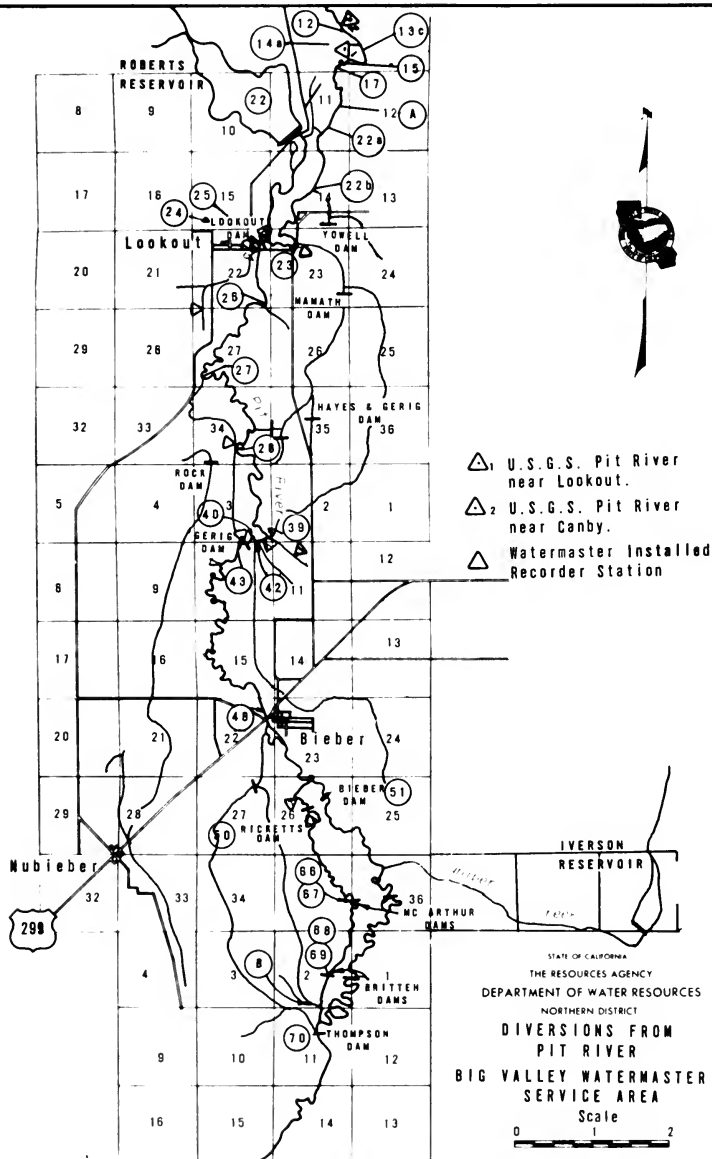
**TABLE 7**  
**PIT RIVER NEAR BIEBER**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	8480	785	446	320	33	1.3	20	1
2	7100	748	450	231	38	1.2	53	2
3	6170	754	410	119	74	1.2	24	3
4	5970	837	254	35	88	1.1	11	4
5	5950	900	284	90	61	1.1	12	5
6	5660	886	302	295	43	1.1	15	6
7	5040	886	284	362	59	1.2	31	7
8	4300	886	316	334	59	1.5	38	8
9	3550	837	320	320	72	1.6	16	9
10	3080	760	354	326	45	1.1	24	10
11	2790	724	520	402	30	3.0	17	11
12	2580	742	434	442	22	1.1	17	12
13	2400	837	128	362	19	1.1	25	13
14	2270	872	59	390	21	1.5	30	14
15	2180	886	194	346	18	1.6	115	15
16	2050	893	346	323	9.8	1.8	79	16
17	1910	893	180	323	6.0	2.3	44	17
18	1780	886	282	237	5.2	2.1	24	18
19	1680	858	478	194	5.8	2.3	31	19
20	1630	754	500	163	4.4	2.8	135	20
21	1570	670	555	122	4.0	2.3	73	21
22	1500	590	560	74	3.0	2.5	29	22
23	1440	555	585	74	2.3	2.5	17	23
24	1360	520	610	61	1.9	3.6	18	24
25	1320	486	605	61	1.6	4.8	24	25
26	1280	482	555	51	1.6	5.2	33	26
27	1190	485	462	35	1.5	3.8	147	27
28	1110	482	390	36	1.5	1.6	147	28
29	1020	450	131	35	1.3	12	134	29
30	935	442	146	35	1.5	9.4	191	30
31	865	328	328	1.5	6.4	31	31	31
Mean	2608	727	370	207	23.7	5.2	52.5	Mean
Runoff In	178800	43250	22770	12290	1460	319	3120	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

DIVERSIONS FROM  
PIT RIVER  
BIG VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS	ACRE FEET
	First priority for the entire river is to maintain channel storage and stock water.	15.00	
12	Ebersole (pump)	3.02	
12c	Duncan	2.86	
14a	Gould	1.20	
15	Hines Brothers	7.26	
17	Barnett	6.98	
22	Roberts Reservoir Water Rights -----	Total	5500
	N. Gerig 5 shares		
	D. Gerig 3 shares		
	D. Babcock 3 shares		
	L.W. Kramer 2 shares		
	Hunt Estate 2 shares		
	M. Kennedy 1 share		
	C. Mammoth 1 share		
	C. Hawkins 1 share		
	L. Manchamp 1 share		
	Elcholz 1 share		
22a	Manchamp	1.73	
22b	Biddins	4.10	
23	Three Corners Diversion -----	Total	16.47
	Mammoth	3.83	
	Hunt Estate	6.30	
	Hayes	3.37	
	S. Gerig	4.97	
24	Lookout Dam		
25	Oliver Ditch -----	Total	15.69
	Elcholz	11.35	
	Leventon	2.34	
26	Brown (pump)	3.48	
27	Potter (pump)	5.36	
28	Fulcher Ditch -----	Total	15.28
	Kramer	5.24	
	Hall	4.22	
	Knox Ranch (N. Gerig)	4.22	
39	Ash Creek Pipe		
40	N. Gerig	6.17	
42	Walson Ditch -----	Total	3.04
	D. Babcock	2.23	
	C. Hawkins	0.81	
43	Gerig Dam		
48	Babcock Pipes -----	Total	31.67
	Snipes	1.61	
	Kennedy	2.51	
	J. McArthur	7.28	
	Babcock Brothers	14.34	
	S. J. & W. H. Thompson	3.21	
	W. Drury	2.72	
50	Ricketts Dam		
51	Bieber Dam		
66 & 67	McArthur Dam	12.14	
68 & 69	Britten Dam	11.23	
70	Thompson Dam	11.50	
A	Hellmark Pump	1.77	
B	Campbell Dam	1.28	







## Burney Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Burney Creek service area is in eastern Shasta County above and below the town of Burney. Figure 4, page 23, shows the Burney Creek stream system including the diversions and roads.

The source of water supply for this service area is Burney Creek, which enters the southern part of the service area and flows through Burney in a northerly direction to the Pit River. The portion of the valley served by this stream is approximately 11 miles long and 2 miles wide, and extends both north and south of Burney. The service area is approximately 3,200 feet in elevation.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this creek system were determined by a court reference and set forth in Decree No. 5111, Shasta County Superior Court, dated January 30, 1926. The Burney Creek watermaster service area was created September 11, 1929; however, service had been provided in accordance with the decree since 1926.

The Burney Creek decree sets forth a rotation schedule of distribution. The water users, however, have found it more beneficial to irrigate on a continuous-flow basis (one priority class plus surplus allotments), which is now normal practice. The water allotted to the Greer-Cornaz ditch is distributed in accordance with supplemental court decrees.

The Burney Creek service area was created on September 11, 1929. There are 10 water right owners in the area with total allotments of 33.09 cubic feet per second.

### Water Supply

The water supply for Burney Creek comes from springs and snowmelt. Most of the

watershed lies between the elevations of 4,000 and 7,500 feet on the northeast slopes of Burney Mountain. The creek normally has sufficient water to supply all demands until about the middle of June. The supply then gradually decreases until the end of July. For the remainder of the irrigation season, runoff from perennial springs keeps the flow nearly constant at approximately 40 percent of allotments.

The daily mean discharge of Burney Creek near Burney is presented in Table 8, page 22. The stream gaging station on Burney Creek is downstream from four points of diversion; consequently, the records do not show all of the available water supply of the creek.

### Method of Distribution

Water is diverted from Burney Creek, in most cases by means of low diversion dams, into ditches which convey it to the place of use. Lateral ditches are then used to irrigate the land.

### 1972 Distribution

The watermaster in the Burney Creek service area was John M. Miller, Water Resources Technician II, beginning on June 1 and continuing until September 30.

By agreement, as stated above, all allotments were distributed on a continuous-flow basis.

The Pierpont Ranch, farthest downstream decreed user on Burney Creek, chose not to irrigate during the 1972 season. Therefore, except for stockwater allotments delivered to the ranch, its water rights were apportioned among the other users on the creek.

The available water supply for the 1972 irrigation season, despite a dry spring season, was relatively normal. A small

surplus flow was available to all users until early July, at which time all diversions were regulated to 100 percent of first priority allotments. The supply gradually decreased to about 80 percent of first priority allotments during the latter part of August and held there for the rest of the irrigation season. Because of showers and cooler temperatures during the early

part of September, further decreases in the amount of water supply available during the last weeks of the irrigation season were unnecessary.

### Special Occurrences

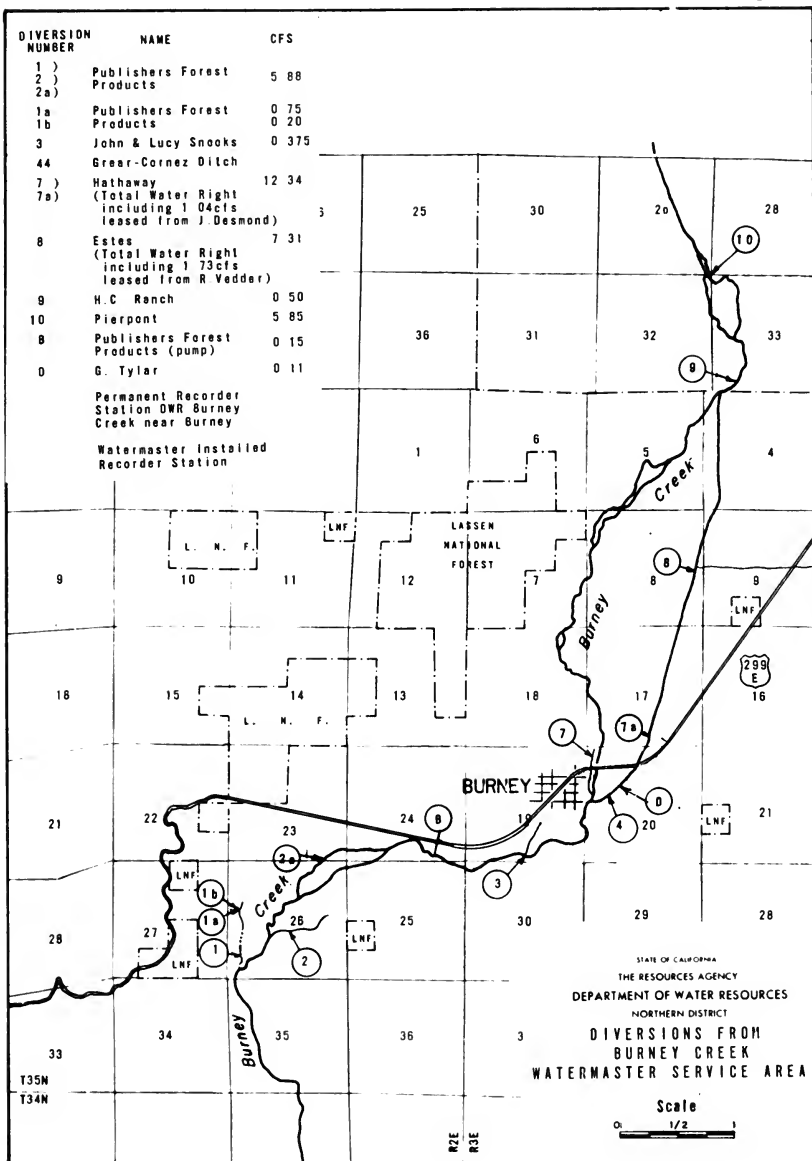
A corrective adjustment in elevation of the headgates of the Greer-Cornaz ditch was made in June.

## BURNLEY CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA 1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 8  
BURNLEY CREEK NEAR BURNLEY

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	300	117	84	45	18	12	8.8	1
2	293	129	80	41	18	13	8.8	2
3	491	125	73	36	17	12	9.3	3
4	424	119	73	34	18	11	11	4
5	329	239	76	34	16	12	16	5
6	265	252	77	33	16	12	11	6
7	242	175	81	33	17	11	11	7
8	221	151	90	31	17	11	11	8
9	222	138	88	32	16	12	10	9
10	270	128	78	44	16	12	9.9	10
11	285	150	75	41	16	12	12	11
12	258	162	73	36	17	12	13	12
13	269	143	74	34	17	12	12	13
14	247	142	76	30	17	12	13	14
15	223	140	75	30	18	12	11	15
16	218	143	72	25	17	12	11	16
17	211	135	70	27	16	12	13	17
18	198	121	68	25	16	12	14	18
19	182	111	67	24	16	11	13	19
20	166	105	78	24	16	11	14	20
21	158	101	87	20	18	12	14	21
22	240	98	80	19	18	12	13	22
23	225	95	74	20	18	11	14	23
24	187	121	88	21	15	11	14	24
25	235	113	63	21	15	10	14	25
26	178	100	60	21	14	11	30	26
27	157	94	58	21	13	11	73	27
28	142	94	57	18	13	9.3	39	28
29	133	88	54	18	13	7.4	27	29
30	125	85	50	17	13	7.6	22	30
31	120		47		13	8.5		31
Mean	233	131	71.7	28.5	15.6	11.2	16.4	Mean
Runoff In Acres-Feet	14330	7767	4411	1888	972	688	877	Runoff In Acres-Feet

Figure 4





## Butte Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Butte Creek service area is situated in Butte County a few miles southeast of the City of Chico. The watermaster service area extends for about 11 miles along Butte Creek, commencing approximately 4 miles east of Chico and extending downstream to the crossing of Western Canal. It contains about 20,000 acres of valley floor lands at an average elevation of 150 feet.

A map of the Butte Creek stream system is presented in Figure 5, page 29.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this stream system were determined by a statutory adjudication and set forth in Decree No. 18917, Butte County Superior Court, dated November 6, 1942. The Butte Creek watermaster service area was created on January 7, 1943.

There are presently 44 water rights owners in the service area (below Diversion 50) with allotments totaling 422.30 cubic feet per second.

The Butte Creek decree established three priority classes for summer use under Schedule 7, a surplus class inferior to the above rights, and a special class for Hamlin Slough. Schedule 3 of the decree defines the rights for redistribution (Diversion 50) of foreign water delivered into Butte Creek from the West Branch of Feather River.

The Water Resources Control Board, on September 18, 1969, granted permits for the following applications to appropriate water from Butte Creek: applications 22321, Gorrill Land Company; 22534, Garrison Patrick; and 22564, Louis C. Camenzind, Jr. These appropriate rights are also under control of the watermaster.

### Water Supply

Butte Creek, the major source of water, drains approximately 150 square miles of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the northeasterly portion of Butte County above the watermaster service area. The maximum elevation in the watershed is about 7,000 feet.

Normally, snowmelt produces sustained high flows in the creek until about the end of June, after which perennial springs continue to produce flows of more than 40 cubic feet per second. Additional water is imported for distribution from the West Branch Feather River by means of the Hendricks (Toad-town) Canal through De Sabla Reservoir and Powerhouse into Butte Creek.

Records of the daily mean discharge at stream gaging stations in the Butte Creek service area are presented in Tables 9, 10, and 11, pages 26 and 27.

### Method of Distribution

Water is diverted from Butte Creek by pumping and by gravity diversions. Parrott Investment Company, M & T Inc., Dayton Mutual Water Company, and Durham Mutual Water Company divert relatively large amounts of water by gravity into ditches leading to their individual distribution systems. Various methods of irrigation are in general practice, including contour checks, strip or border checks, basin checks, furrows, wild flooding, and sprinklers. The use of sprinklers has increased in the past few years, especially for orchards.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began April 26, 1972, in the Butte Creek service area

and continued until September 30, with Kenneth E. Morgan, Water Resources Engineering Associate, as watermaster.

The available water supply for the 1972 irrigation season on Butte Creek was below normal. However, several first priority water right owners did not use water, so those who did divert did not have a severe shortage.

Flow to the surplus class diversions of Newhall Land and Farming Company and Gorrill Land Company continued until about July 12. From July 15 through September 23 the water supply was sufficient to supply a portion of second priority. Due to early fall rain and decreasing demands for water, there was sufficient water to meet all needs after that date.

**BUTTE CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 9  
BUTTE CREEK NEAR CHICO

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	688	380	391	256	153	125	115	1
2	619	383	389	251	152	124	115	2
3	879	385	383	248	148	123	115	3
4	815	387	384	239	141	123	115	4
5	723	689	384	231	140	125	119	5
6	642	1050	385	234	146	122	117	6
7	588	732	380	236	151	122	115	7
8	554	611	372	232	149	120	113	8
9	554	552	357	242	149	122	112	9
10	616	516	348	291	145	119	113	10
11	597	581	338	248	146	119	113	11
12	573	750	333	233	147	118	116	12
13	548	751	331	222	142	119	116	13
14	541	816	332	210	139	121	113	14
15	518	594	332	203	137	121	112	15
16	521	602	328	200	136	123	112	16
17	524	588	324	196	136	138	111	17
18	513	549	315	190	136	131	112	18
19	489	516	314	185	136	127	113	19
20	484	492	345	184	138	126	114	20
21	451	479	370	179	139	126	112	21
22	539	471	323	176	138	124	113	22
23	530	461	302	173	136	122	110	23
24	487	480	288	175	135	122	111	24
25	528	466	286	173	133	122	112	25
26	486	434	280	167	131	120	125	26
27	458	422	276	161	130	118	161	27
28	433	421	272	161	131	115	164	28
29	412	412	270	157	130	117	147	29
30	386	397	264	155	130	116	141	30
31	388		258		127	115		31
Mean	591	536	331	207	140	122	119	Mean
Runoff in								Runoff In
Acra-Feet	33870	32090	20340	12310	8580	7510	7090	Acra-Feet



**BUTTE CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 10**  
**BUTTE CREEK NEAR DURHAM**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	628	285	192	95	21	12	8.4	1
2	555	284	187	89	23	10	7.7	2
3	793	285	183	88	21	12	7.8	3
4	738	281	183	90	16	11	9.2	4
5	637	538	184	83	17	12	8.9	5
6	559	991	186	81	19	11	8.6	6
7	512	839	181	76	20	12	8.9	7
8	479	520	174	76	22	9.4	9.0	8
9	472	461	161	80	24	8.3	6.5	9
10	533	438	155	115	21	8.2	8.9	10
11	548	496	149	90	18	6.8	9.5	11
12	526	683	150	82	16	7.9	10	12
13	502	706	162	72	13	8.2	18	13
14	480	550	160	46	11	8.6	8.0	14
15	436	527	159	33	8.6	12	6.1	15
16	438	539	157	29	11	11	5.4	16
17	441	486	164	28	14	11	5.2	17
18	426	423	155	32	11	11	4.1	18
19	397	382	150	25	11	9.7	3.7	19
20	373	366	190	19	10	7.4	3.9	20
21	358	381	249	12	11	9.0	5.0	21
22	425	389	184	11	11	6.2	4.2	22
23	427	374	170	15	11	5.1	8.9	23
24	382	372	157	18	9.9	5.7	17	24
25	403	342	149	18	10	6.2	21	25
26	380	311	146	15	7.2	7.1	29	26
27	351	286	144	16	8.2	8.5	65	27
28	326	252	140	23	8.9	7.3	73	28
29	301	227	124	20	9.5	11	58	29
30	286	200	119	19	13	8.9	64	30
31	274	106	106	18	18	8.4	21	31
Mean	464	431	164	49.6	14.4	8.2	16.8	Mean
Runoff In	28530	25670	10060	2969	883	563	997	Runoff In
Acres-Feet								Acres-Feet

**TABLE 11**  
**TOADTOWN CANAL ABOVE BUTTE CANAL**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	111	110	110	108	60	53	43	1
2	111	110	110	109	83	53	44	2
3	115	110	109	108	58	52	44	3
4	111	110	109	103	51	51	44	4
5	113	115	109	105	48	51	45	5
6	112	114	108	110	57	50	44	6
7	111	113	110	110	62	50	44	7
8	110	113	110	110	64	48	43	8
9	110	116	110	111	58	52	43	9
10	110	114	110	110	55	48	43	10
11	110	115	110	110	60	50	43	11
12	111	117	110	106	61	50	44	12
13	114	115	110	102	58	50	43	13
14	113	115	110	88	59	51	43	14
15	111	109	109	91	58	50	42	15
16	111	111	109	88	58	53	42	16
17	111	112	108	86	57	56	42	17
18	111	110	107	83	56	53	42	18
19	111	110	110	80	58	51	42	19
20	111	110	111	77	58	51	42	20
21	110	109	110	74	57	50	42	21
22	114	109	109	72	56	50	43	22
23	111	110	110	69	53	50	43	23
24	110	111	110	69	53	50	43	24
25	110	110	109	67	55	50	43	25
26	111	110	108	85	55	50	53	26
27	110	110	110	83	56	47	75	27
28	110	110	110	61	51	45	70	28
29	110	110	110	62	55	45	68	29
30	112	110	110	64	45	44	67	30
31	110	110	110	49	49	40	31	31
Mean	111	112	110	88.7	56.4	49.8	47.0	Mean
Runoff In	6840	6640	6730	5280	3460	3060	2790	Runoff In
Acres-Feet								Acres-Feet

Diversion #	Water Right Owner	Priority			Surplus	Import	Application Permit
		1st	2nd	3rd			
<u>Butte Creek</u>							
50	M. & T. Incorporated	3.00			25.00	53.33*	
	Parrott Investment Company				25.00	53.33*	
	McClain, Benson, et al	3.00					
	Dayton Mutual Water Company	16.00				3.33*	
	*Water imported by PG&E from West Branch Feather River via Hendricks Canal and released into Butte Creek, less 5% for conveyance losses.						
52 <sup>2/</sup>	U. S. Department of Agriculture	2.00					
54	Patrick	4.445					13.0 <sup>1/</sup>
	Smith	0.555					
55	Camenzind Brothers	5.00					8.50 <sup>1/</sup>
58	Durham Mutual Water Company	44.70					
	Parrott Investment Company	2.00					
	Carlson	0.48					
	Bell	0.39					
	Domom Brothers	0.87					
	Logan	0.01					
	Vernoga	1.447					
	Konyon - Amerio	0.40					
	Bebich	0.446					
	Jugum	0.447					
	Wheelock	0.26					
	Total	51.25					
57 <sup>2/</sup>	Coats	2.00					
58 <sup>2/</sup>	Wakefield	0.61					
	Hansen				2.50		
58B <sup>2/</sup>	Brandt	0.39					
60	Newhall Land & Farming Company		6.00	0.75	21.25		150.00 <sup>3/</sup>
60A <sup>2/</sup>	Knowles	0.66					
	Phillips	0.68					
61	Gorrill Land Company <sup>4/</sup>			1.00 <sup>5/</sup>	20.70 <sup>5/</sup>		75.00 <sup>3/</sup>
62 <sup>2/</sup>	White, Mead, McAlister, & Ryon			1.00	9.50		
<u>Hamlin Slough</u>							
	Newhall Land & Farming Company	16.60					
	Gorrill Land Company	21.70 <sup>5/</sup>					

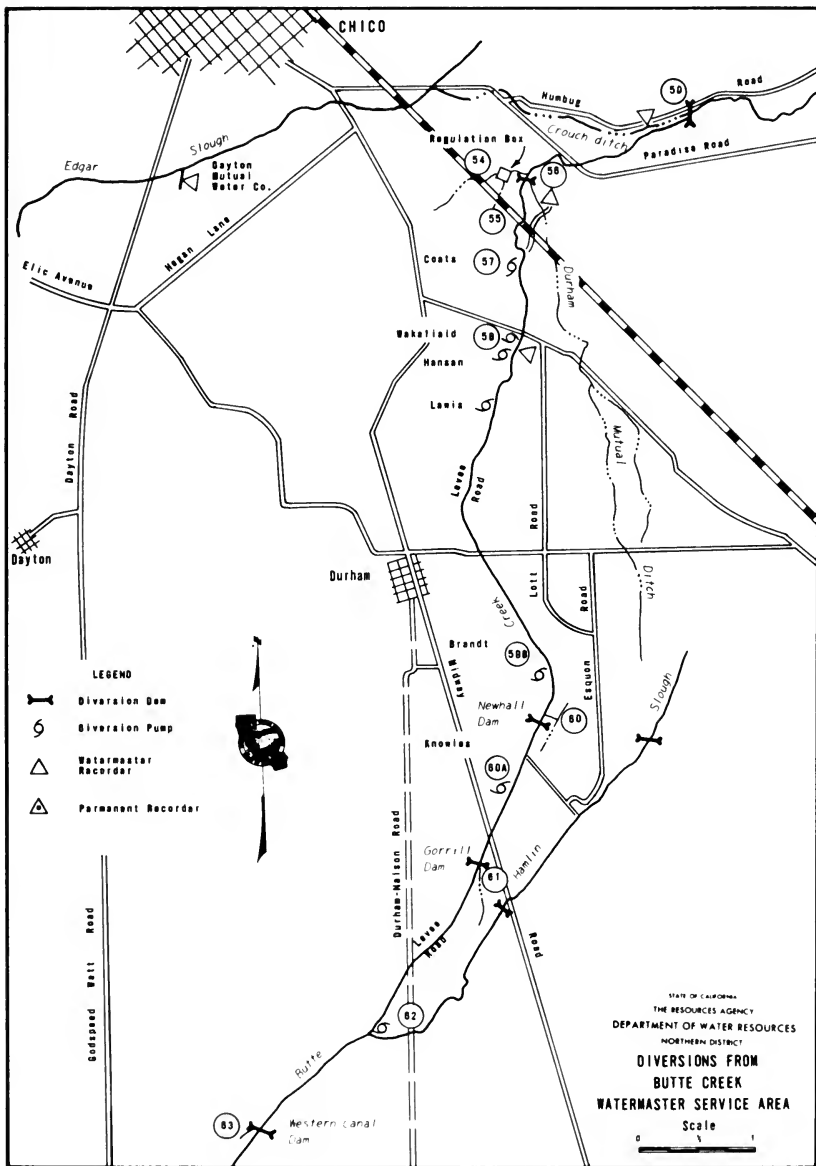
1/ March 1 - June 30

2/ Pumps

3/ March 15 - June 15

4/ See Hamlin Slough

5/ Total diversions from Butte Creek and Hamlin Slough not to exceed 21.70 cfs.





## Cow Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Cow Creek service area is in central Shasta County in the foothills east of Redding. Figures 6 through 6e, pages 34 through 39, show the Cow Creek stream system including the diversions and major access roads.

The source of water supply for this service area consists of three major creek systems. They are North Cow Creek (sometimes referred to as Little Cow Creek), Oak Run Creek, and Clover Creek. These creeks flow in a westerly direction to their confluence in the Millville-Palo Cedro area and thence south to the Sacramento River east of the City of Anderson. The service area is generally a narrow strip of land on both sides of each of these creeks. In some cases water is exported from one creek to the other.

### Basis of Service

The water rights on each of these creek systems were determined by court references and set forth in separate decrees. Water rights for these creeks were set forth by Shasta County Superior Court decrees as follows:

<u>Creek</u>	<u>Decree No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
North Cow	5804	April 29, 1932
Oak Run	5701	July 22, 1932
Clover	6904	October 4, 1937

The North Cow Creek decree sets forth a rotation schedule of distribution. The water users, however, have found it more beneficial to irrigate on a continuous-flow basis which is now normal practice. Only one priority allotment was provided in each of the Cow Creek service area decrees (see Table 1) except for the Oak Run Creek decree which contains a surplus allotment.

The Cow Creek watermasters service area was originally created on October 17,

1932, including North Cow Creek and Oak Run Creek water rights. On January 21, 1938, the service area was expanded to include the Clover Creek rights.

There are 90 water right owners in the area with total allotments of 67.367 cubic feet per second.

### Water Supply

The water supply for this service area is derived mostly from springs and seepage, with some early snowmelt runoff. The watershed varies in elevation from 500 to 5,000 feet and consists primarily of low brushy hills which do not accumulate a heavy snowpack. Relatively large amounts of precipitation during the winter months normally produce substantial springs and seepage that flow through the irrigation season. The creeks normally have sufficient water to supply all demands until late July. The supply then gradually decreases to an average of about 60 to 70 percent of allotments by around mid-September.

The daily mean discharge of North Cow Creek near Ingot is presented in Table 12, page 33. The stream gaging station on North Cow Creek is downstream of many of the diversions and is used by the watermaster primarily to indicate changes in flow conditions rather than amounts of water available. Consequently, the records do not show all of the available water supply of the creek.

### Method of Distribution

Water is diverted from the creeks, in most cases by means of low diversion dams, into ditches which convey it to the place of use. Lateral ditches are then used to spread it over the land. Irrigation has been on a continuous-flow basis instead of by rotation since 1934.

### 1972 Distribution

John M. Miller, Water Resources Technician II, was watermaster in the Cow Creek service area from June 1 until September 30.

**Cedar Creek.** Cedar Creek consistently has the lowest ratio of water supply to water rights in the Cow Creek service area. However, during 1972 some water right owners chose not to use their allotments. Consequently, those using water received a reasonably good supply throughout the summer.

**North Cow Creek.** There was a surplus flow of water in North Cow Creek until mid-July. There was sufficient water available through mid-August to fill all allotments. During the latter part of August, extremely high temperatures caused a temporary drop in the lower reaches and the available supply dropped to 80 percent of allotments. During the

first week in September, the temperature dropped and light-to-heavy showers increased the allotments to 90 percent, which continued through September.

**Oak Run Creek.** The available water supply in Oak Run Creek was sufficient to supply surplus flows until mid-July. Due to the dry spring and also the extreme temperatures during the latter part of July and most of August, the available supply decreased during this time to below 100 percent. Early rains in September, however, eased the situation and the water supply gradually increased to 100 percent toward the end of September.

**Clover Creek.** There was a surplus flow of water in Clover Creek until the first week in July. The flow gradually decreased to 80 percent the first of August and continued at 80 percent through September.

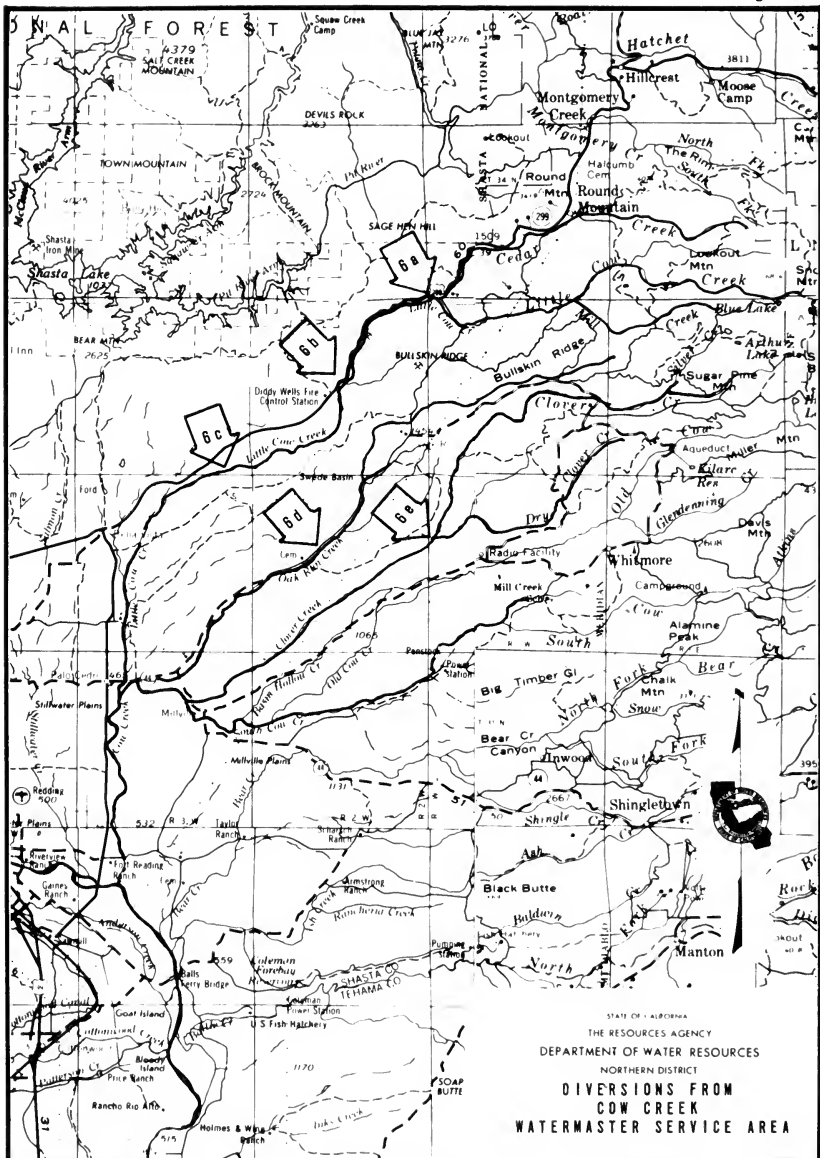
**COW CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 12  
NORTH COW CREEK NEAR INGOT

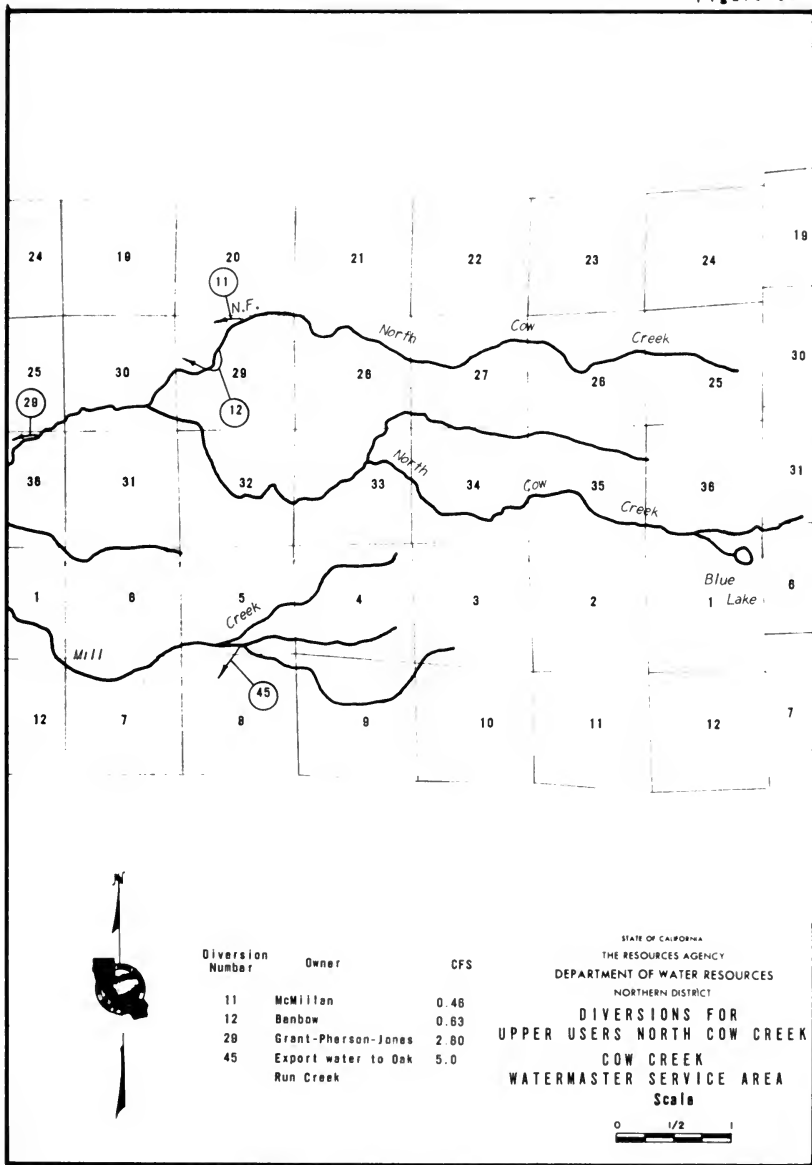
Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			70*	33	14	8.5	6.0	1
2			70	32	15	8.0	6.0	2
3			70	30	14	8.0	6.0	3
4			72	28	13	8.5	6.0	4
5			70	26	12	8.0	5.6	5
6			72	25	11	8.5	5.6	6
7			85	24	10	7.5	6.0	7
8			76	25	11	7.5	6.0	8
9			60	33	11	7.5	6.0	9
10			57	41	11	7.0	6.5	10
11			54	32	10	8.0	6.0	11
12			54	29	10	7.5	5.6	12
13			54	26	10	7.5	5.2	13
14			54	24	10	8.0	5.2	14
15			54	23	9.5	8.5	5.6	15
16			53	23	9.5	9.0	5.2	16
17			52	22	9.5	9.5	5.6	17
18			48	21	10	8.5	6.0	18
19			48	20	10	9.0	5.6	19
20			73	20	10	9.0	6.0	20
21			62	19	9.5	9.5	6.0	21
22			49	18	10	8.0	5.6	22
23			46	20	8.5	8.0	5.2	23
24			43	21	8.5	7.5	6.0	24
25			41	18	9.0	6.0	6.5	25
26			41	18	9.0	6.0	6.5	26
27			41	18	9.0	5.6	7.5	27
28			41	17	9.0	6.0	7.5	28
29			39	16	9.0	6.0	8.0	29
30			37	15	9.5	6.5	8.0	30
31			36		8.5	6.5		31
Mean	59.5	59.5	59.5	23.9	10.3	7.7	6.1	Mean
Runoff In Acres-Feet			3420	1420	635	474	362	Runoff In Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

Figure 6



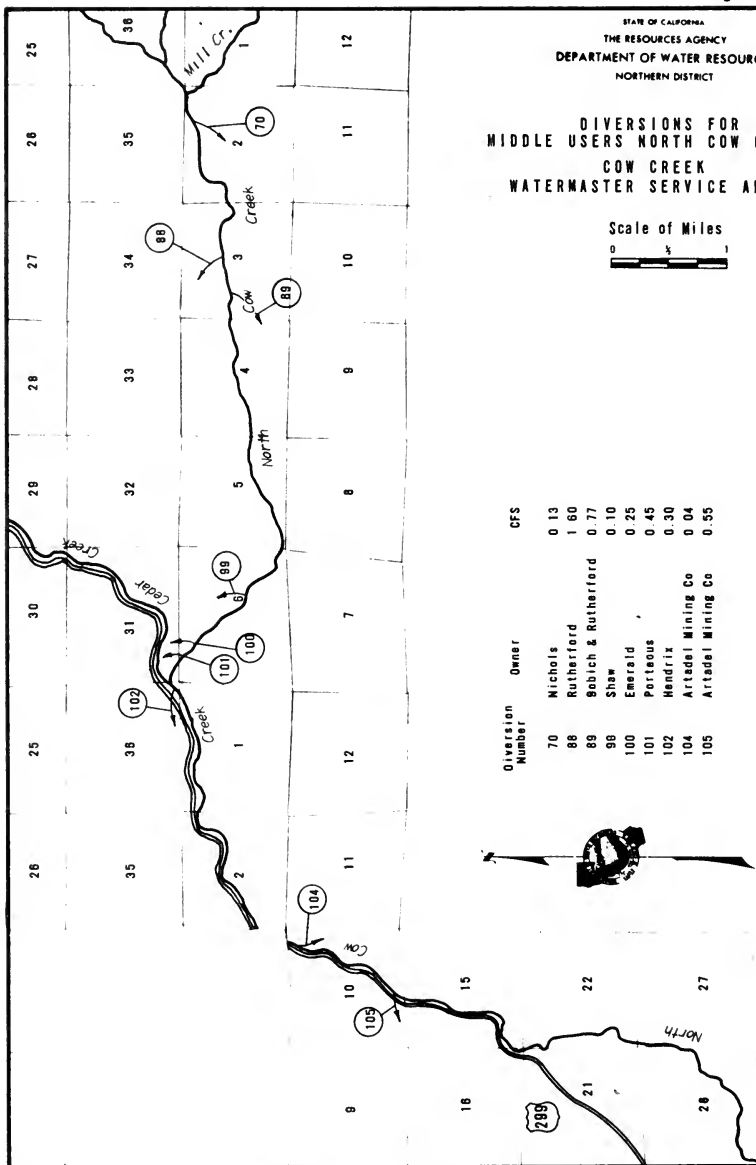




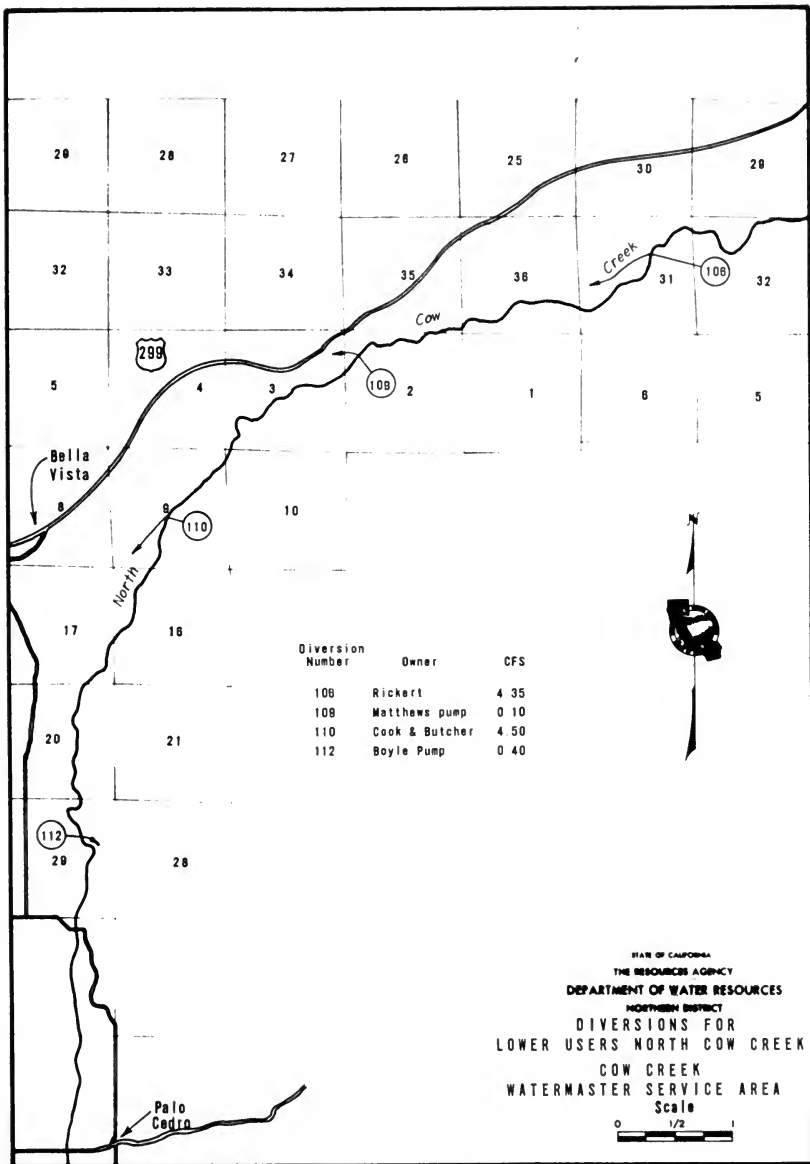
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

DIVERSIONS FOR  
MIDDLE USERS NORTH COW CREEK  
COW CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

Scale of Miles



Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
70	Nichols	0.13
88	Rutherford	1.60
89	Seibich & Rutherford	0.77
98	Shaw	0.10
100	Emerald	0.25
101	Porteous	0.45
102	Hendrix	0.30
104	Artadel Mining Co	0.04
105	Artadel Mining Co	0.55



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DIVERSIONS FROM  
OAK RUN CREEK  
COW CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

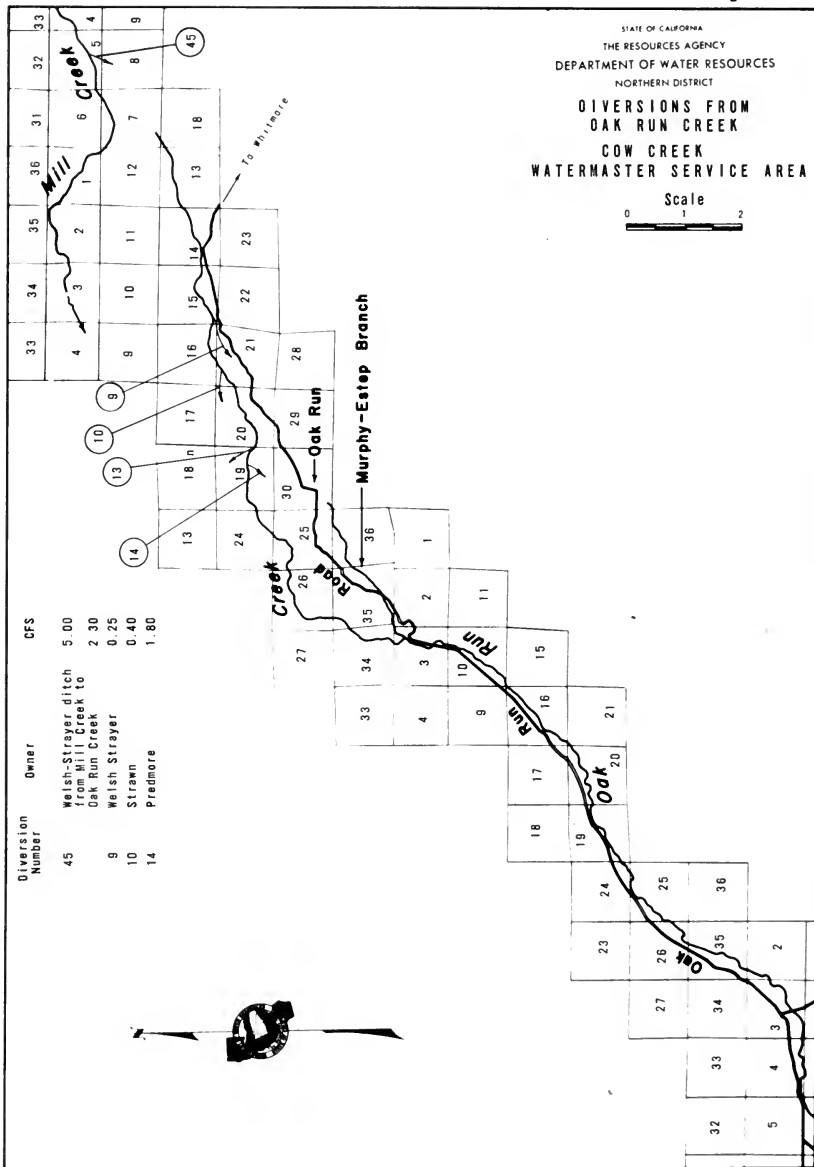


Figure 6e

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**DIVERSIONS FROM  
CLOVER CREEK  
COW CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**

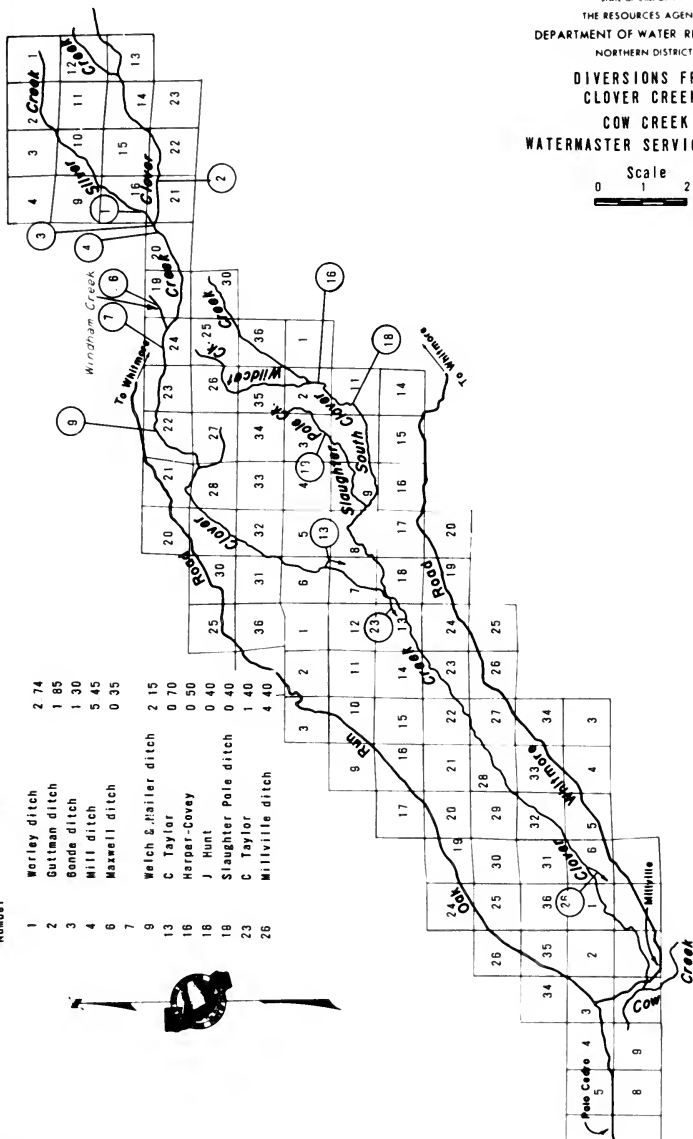
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Diversion Number

Owner

CFS

1	Werley ditch	2.74
2	Gutman ditch	1.85
3	Gonda ditch	1.30
4	Mill ditch	5.45
6	Maxwell ditch	0.35
7		
9	Welch & Haller ditch	2.15
13	C Taylor	0.70
16	Harper-Covey	0.50
18	J Hunt	0.40
18	Slaughter Pale ditch	0.40
23	C Taylor	1.40
26	Millville ditch	4.40





## Digger Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Digger Creek service area is situated in southeastern Shasta County and northeastern Tehama County.

Digger Creek forms a portion of the boundary line between Shasta and Tehama Counties. It drains an area of approximately 45 square miles on the western slopes of mountains situated immediately west of Lassen National Park. The creek flows in a westerly direction through the town of Manton to its confluence with North Fork Battle Creek. Manton, the only community in the area, is located approximately 40 miles northeast of Red Bluff.

A map of the Digger Creek stream system is presented as Figure 7, page 43.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this creek system were determined by four court adjudications and set forth in Decree Nos. 2213, 3214, 3327, and 4570, Shasta and Tehama Counties Superior Courts, and dated August 12, 1899; May 27, 1913; October 16, 1917; and February 24, 1927. The Digger Creek watermaster service area was created June 11, 1964.

The four decrees, in effect, have divided the water rights on the creek into two groups, the upper users and the lower users. The three upper users irrigate land adjoining the stream so that all water not consumptively used returns to Digger Creek. The lower users are located within a 5-square-mile area. Very little runoff from the lower users returns to the creek.

The water rights of the three upper users are absolute and not correlative to the lower users; therefore, allotments are not cut proportionally as Digger Creek flows decrease. Since the lower users have to stand all deficiencies, the

upper users, in effect, have first priority allotments, and the lower users have second and third priority allotments.

There are 38 water right owners in the area with total allotments of 23,225 cubic feet per second.

### Water Supply

Precipitation, occurring principally in the winter months, is typical of Northern California foothill areas. Snow-melt contributes to the early runoff but the summer streamflow is primarily from springs. In average runoff years there is sufficient flow in Digger Creek, with careful regulation, to satisfy all decreed allotments throughout the entire irrigation season. However, serious deficiencies occur in dry years.

The estimated daily mean discharge of Digger Creek below the mouth of the South Fork is presented in Table 13, page 42.

### Method of Distribution

Irrigation is accomplished principally by wild flooding, although border checks and sprinklers are used on a few fields. Small diversion dams are placed in the stream channel to divert water into ditches for conveyance to the fields.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began in the Digger Creek service area on June 1 and continued through September. John M. Miller, Water Resources Technician II, was watermaster during this period.

There was a surplus flow of water in Digger Creek until mid-July. At that time the flow was at 100 percent and gradually decreased to 90 percent for the lower users the second week in August. Digger Creek held at 90 percent for the lower users through September.

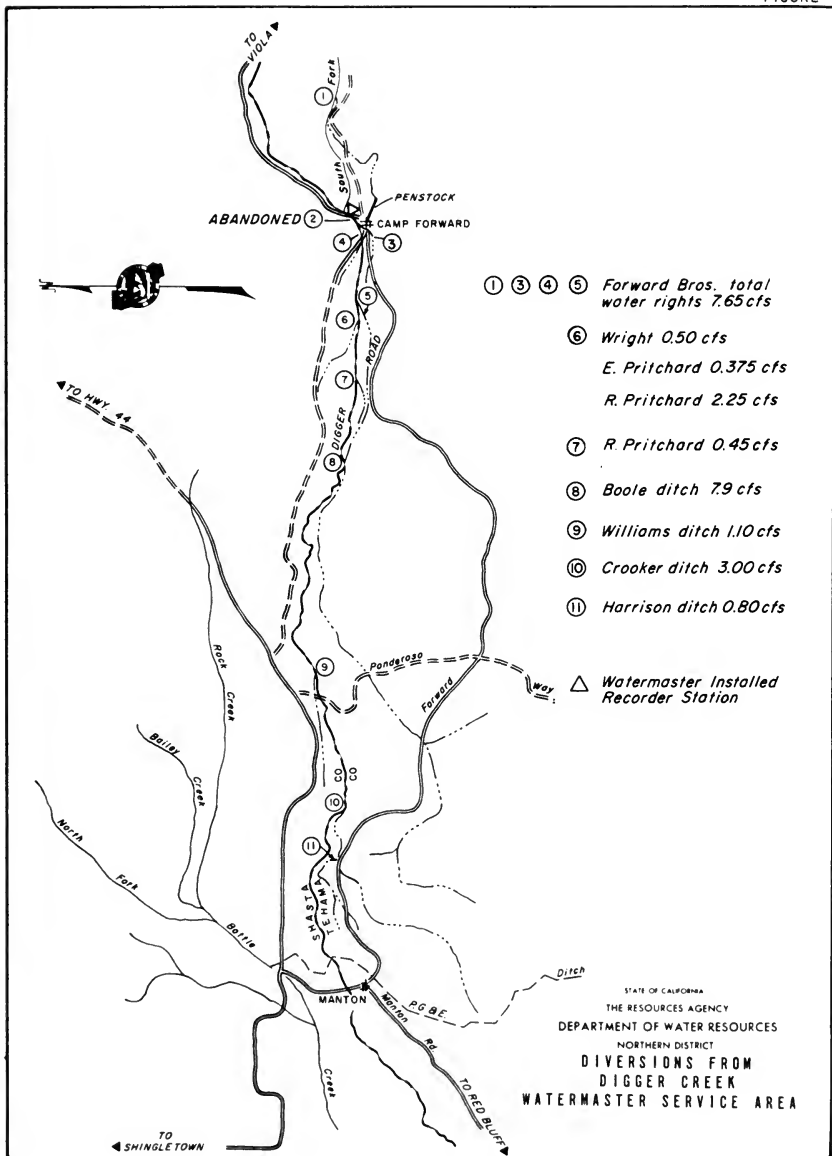
**DIGGER CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 13**  
**DIGGER CREEK BELOW SOUTH FORK BRANCH**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1					23	16	14	1
2					22	18	14	2
3					22	16	13	3
4					22	15	13	4
5					22	15	14	5
6								
7					20	15	13	7
8					19	15	13	8
9					19	15	13	9
10					18	15	13	10
11					19	15	14	11
12					19	15	14	12
13					19	15	13	13
14					18	15	13	14
15				29*	18	15	13	15
16				30	18	17	13	16
17				30	18	16	13	17
18				29	17	16	13	18
19				29	17	15	13	19
20				28	18	15	13	20
21				27	18	15	13	21
22				27	18	14	13	22
23				27	18	14	13	23
24				27	18	14	13	24
25				27	18	14	13	25
26				26	17	14	18	26
27				25	17	14	32	27
28				25	17	14	16	28
29				24	17	14	14	29
30				24	16	14	13	30
31					16	14		31
Mean				27.1	18.6	14.9	14.0	Mean
Runoff In				861	1146	916	837	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record







## French Creek Watermaster Service Area

The French Creek service area is situated in Scott Valley, western Siskiyou County, near the town of Etna. The major sources of water supply are French, Miners, and North Fork French Creeks. French Creek flows in a northeasterly direction through the central part of the service area. Miners Creek begins east of the headwaters of French Creek and flows in a northerly direction, joining French Creek about 3 miles above its confluence with Scott River. North Fork French Creek begins north of the headwaters of French Creek and flows easterly, joining French Creek 1 mile upstream from the confluence with Miners Creek.

The service area encompasses the entire agricultural area within the French Creek Basin, and some additional lands along the west side of the Scott River near the town of Etna. The service area is about 1/2 mile wide and 5 miles long, with the main axis and drainage running from south to north. Elevations of the agricultural area range from about 3,200 feet at the south to about 2,800 feet at the confluence of French Creek and Scott River.

A map of the French Creek stream system with the diversions and roads is presented as Figure 8, page 47.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this creek system were determined by a court reference and set forth in Decree No. 14478, Siskiyou County Superior Court, dated July 1, 1958.

Water is distributed according to three schedules: North Fork French Creek with three priorities; Miners Creek with three; and the French Creek, Paynes Lake Creek, Horse Lake Creek and Duck Lake Creek system with seven.

The above schedules are independent of each other with two exceptions. These involve the case of Miners Creek rights having the option to divert from the French Creek group when water is not available from Miners Creek. These rights are further limited by specifying maximum allowable flows at given points, regardless of the source of the water.

One peculiarity of this decree is that it included two water rights that have a specified amount but are subject to the exclusive control of the other owners of the ditch.

The French Creek watermaster service area was created on November 19, 1968, and service was started on July 1, 1969.

There are 27 water users in the service area with water rights totaling 30.59 cubic feet per second.

### Water Supply

The water supply is derived from snow-melt runoff, springs and seepage, and occasional summer thundershowers.

The watershed of French Creek contains about 32 square miles of heavily forested, steep, mountainous terrain of the easterly slopes of the Salmon Mountains. It varies in elevation from about 7,200 feet along its west rim to about 3,200 feet at the foot of the slopes bordering French Creek Valley. Snowmelt runoff is normally sufficient to supply all demands until about the middle of July. The daily mean discharge of Duck Lake Creek, a tributary, is presented in Table 1<sup>4</sup>, page 46.

### Method of Distribution

Irrigation is accomplished primarily by wild flooding, with permanent pasture

and alfalfa fields comprising the major crops. Water is conveyed by ditches and laterals to the place of use.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster George H. Pape, Associate Engineer, Water Resources, was on duty in the French Creek service area from July 1 until September 30.

Because watermaster service was initiated during the 1969 season, little data is available for a water supply comparison with past years. However, it is the opinion of most ranchers in the area

that water-year conditions were somewhat below average.

Upper third priority allotments were shut off on August 20 to satisfy the upper second priority rights. However, some third priority allotments lower down were available throughout the remainder of the season.

Those with downstream first, second, and third priority allotments can rely on a more dependable water supply than the upper users due to inflow from Paynes Lake, Horse Range, and North Fork French Creeks, all tributaries to French Creek below the upper users.

## FRENCH CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA 1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

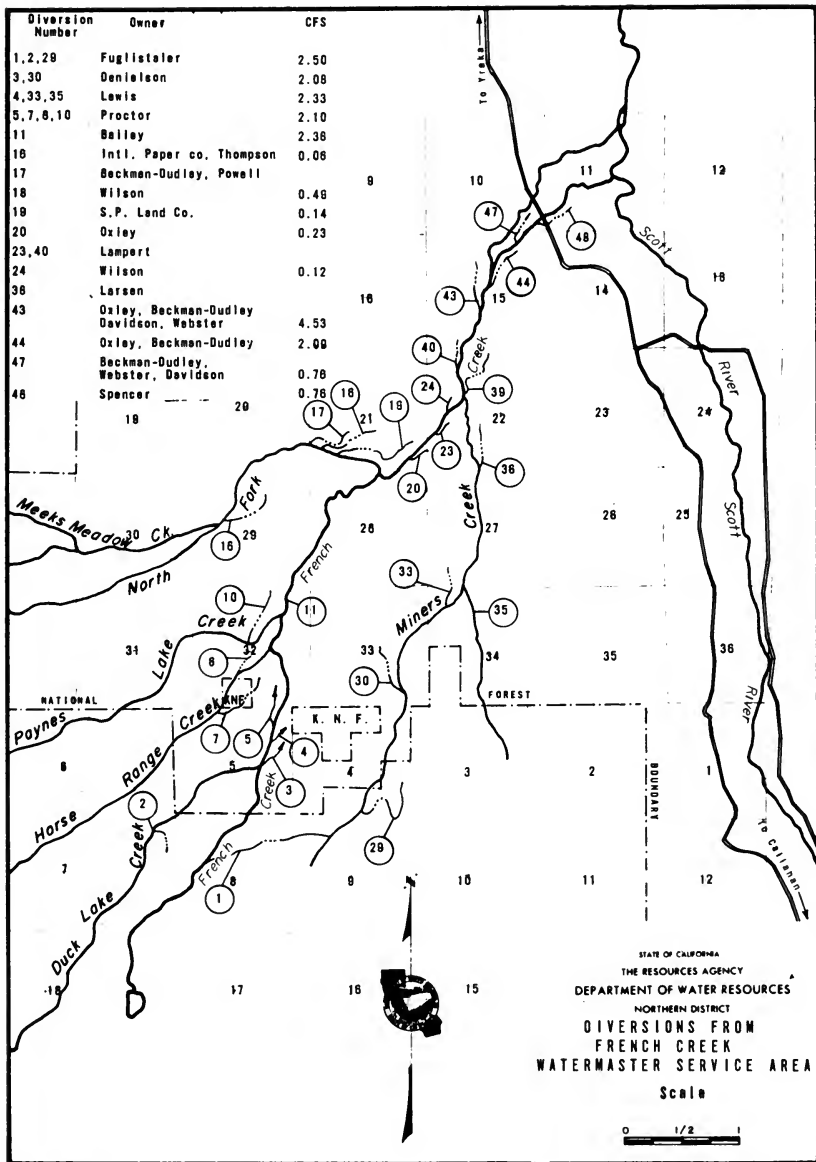
TABLE 14  
DUCK LAKE CREEK TRIBUTARY TO FRENCH CREEK

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1				10	7.0	2.5	1.1	1
2				9.5	7.1	2.3	0.9	2
3				9.3	6.8	2.3	0.9	3
4				8.4	6.7	2.1	0.8	4
5				9.4	6.7	2.1	0.8	5
6				12	6.5	1.9	0.9	6
7				11	6.8	1.9	0.9	7
8				8.1	6.2	1.8	0.6	8
9				8.9	6.1	1.8	0.6	9
10				14	5.7	1.8	0.6	10
11			12*	13	5.5	1.8	0.7	11
12			14	10	5.5	1.6	0.7	12
13			14	11	5.1	1.7	0.7	13
14			13	9.5	4.8	1.3	0.7	14
15			12	9.2	4.8	1.8	0.7	15
16			10	8.9	4.4	1.6	0.7	16
17			15	8.9	4.1	1.5	0.6	17
18			15	9.2	4.0	1.4	0.6	18
19			16	8.5	4.1	1.5	0.6	19
20			15	9.0	3.6	1.4	0.8	20
21			12	9.0	3.4	1.3	0.8	21
22			10	8.5	3.4	1.3	0.8	22
23			10	8.5	3.2	1.3	0.8	23
24			11	8.7	3.0	1.2	0.8	24
25			11	8.4	3.1	1.1	0.7	25
26			14	8.0	3.0	1.1	0.6	26
27			14	8.1	2.8	1.1	0.6	27
28			10	7.9	2.8	1.1	0.8**	28
29			11	7.2	2.6	1.1		29
30			10	7.2	2.4	1.1		30
31			10		2.5	1.1		31
Mean			11.3	9.4	4.6	1.6	0.7	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet			514	560	285	97	40	Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

\*\* End of Record

Figure 8





## Hat Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Hat Creek service area is in the eastern part of Shasta County north of Lassen Volcanic National Park. The maps, Figures 9 through 9b, pages 51 through 53, show the Hat Creek service area and stream system, including locations of the diversions of the upper and lower user groups.

Hat Creek, which flows in a northerly direction through the area, is the only source of water supply in the service area. The place of use is Hat Creek Valley, which is approximately 20 miles long and 2 miles wide, extending northward from about 3 miles south of the town of Old Station to the confluence with Rising River. The irrigable lands, which consist primarily of volcanic ash, are interlaced with large outcroppings of volcanic rocks.

### Basis of Service

Water from Hat Creek is distributed under provisions of court reference adjudications which resulted in Decree No. 5724, dated May 14, 1924, and Decree No. 7858, dated May 7, 1935, Shasta County Superior Court.

Watermaster service in the Hat Creek area has been provided in accordance with the decree since 1924. The existing service area was created on September 11, 1929. The decree defines the allotments in two separate schedules: upper and lower users, requiring 10-day rotations beginning at 6 a.m., May 1, and terminating at 6 a.m., October 28. All water rights are of the same priority, with the surplus flows distributed according to the users that are on rotation. The upper users' water rights require 154.7 cubic feet per second and the lower users require 166.5 cubic feet per second. The lower users require more because of additional channel loss. When the upper users are being served, the lower users receive a minimum flow for stockwater.

### Water Supply

The water supply of Hat Creek is derived from snowmelt runoff from Lassen Peak and from large springs. Snowmelt normally creates a high flow during May and June, but the substantial portion of the summer supply comes from large springs which decrease only slightly in output. Only after a series of dry years does the flow of these springs fall much below 75 percent of total allotments.

A record of the daily mean discharge of Hat Creek near the town of Hat Creek is presented in Table 15, page 50.

### Method of Distribution

Most irrigation in the area is accomplished by wild flooding. Large heads of water are used to cover the land rapidly, thereby preventing excessive loss from percolation in the extremely porous soil. Diversion dams constructed across the creek serve to divert water into large ditches. The fields, many of which have checks and borders, are then flooded from the main diversion ditch or from laterals. A few domestic rights are met by pumping directly from Hat Creek.

### 1972 Distribution

Virgil Buechler, Water Resources Technician II, served as watermaster in the Hat Creek service area from May 1 until September 30, 1972.

The available water supply for Hat Creek was about average. The snowpack on Lassen Peak was near normal. The flow of the springs tributary to Hat Creek was above normal. The flow in Hat Creek near Old Station was in excess of 145 cubic feet per second throughout the summer.

The usual 10-day rotation schedule was not initiated until July 30. During

this rotation, the lower users received 100 percent of their allotments (one priority). The August 9 rotation to the lower users was on a 95-percent

basis. Then the flow in the creek increased and the remainder of the 10-day rotations were on a 100-percent basis.

# HAT CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA 1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 15  
HAT CREEK NEAR HAT CREEK

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	167	168	170	227	164	154	143	1
2	176	170	172	217	163	155	144	2
3	194	172	179	212	162	154	144	3
4	186	175	183	208	160	154	146	4
5	181	203	191	212	158	154	146	5
6	177	194	196	214	157	154	147	6
7	176	183	197	220	155	154	150	7
8	175	177	190	215	154	154	152	8
9	177	175	187	209	154	148	153	9
10	180	174	190	204	157	141	154	10
11	179	175	193	190	159	141	157	11
12	177	170	196	187	159	142	158	12
13	180	170	203	187	159	144	155	13
14	179	172	212	190	159	146	154	14
15	177	172	222	187	158	146	154	15
16	179	172	217	186	157	148	154	16
17	181	170	214	184	155	148	154	17
18	183	168	203	181	155	148	149	18
19	180	168	196	181	155	150	144	19
20	177	167	196	186	150	154	146	20
21	177	167	186	187	149	153	146	21
22	183	168	183	184	149	154	146	22
23	177	170	188	183	148	154	146	23
24	176	172	188	180	149	153	147	24
25	176	168	191	176	149	152	149	25
26	171	168	198	175	149	152	150	26
27	171	170	205	174	148	152	167	27
28	170	170	220	171	147	150	157	28
29	170	167	228	168	147	146	155	29
30	168	167	228	167	153	141	152	30
31	168		232		155	142		31
Mean	177	173	198	192	155	150	151	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	10890	10280	12200	11430	9510	9200	8960	Runoff in Acre-Feet



Figure 9

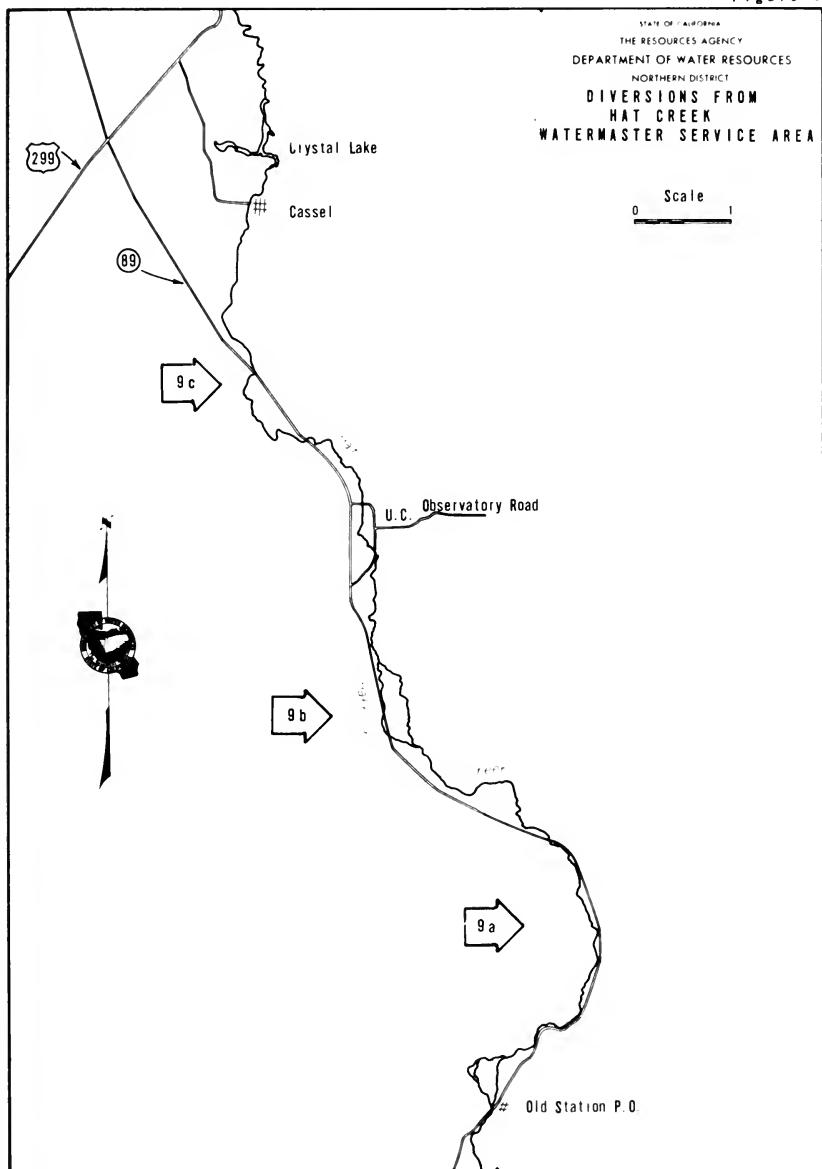


Figure 9a

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
**DIVERSIONS FROM  
UPPER UPPER HAT CREEK  
HAT CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**



DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
1	Hat Creek Properties	6.885
3,D	Stevenson (Total Allotment)	10.375
4	G. Parrish	3.750
F	Zachary Ditch	0.960*
5	Brown	0.500
6,7,8	Wilcox	18.800
8	Brown (not in WSA)	1.125
8,9	Ryon	20.575
9	Patton	2.125
G,H	Sites (Total Water Right)	0.500*
11	Valentine	0.858
12	Valentine	0.767
13,14,15	Horri	3.500
J	Dunwoody	0.500*

\* Continuous flow allotments are designated by alphabetical diversions.

▲ Permanent Record Station. Upper and Lower Users are on ten day rotation. Minimum flows allowed in each diversion ditch when not on irrigation schedule.

△ Watermaster Installed Recorder Station.

Old Channel



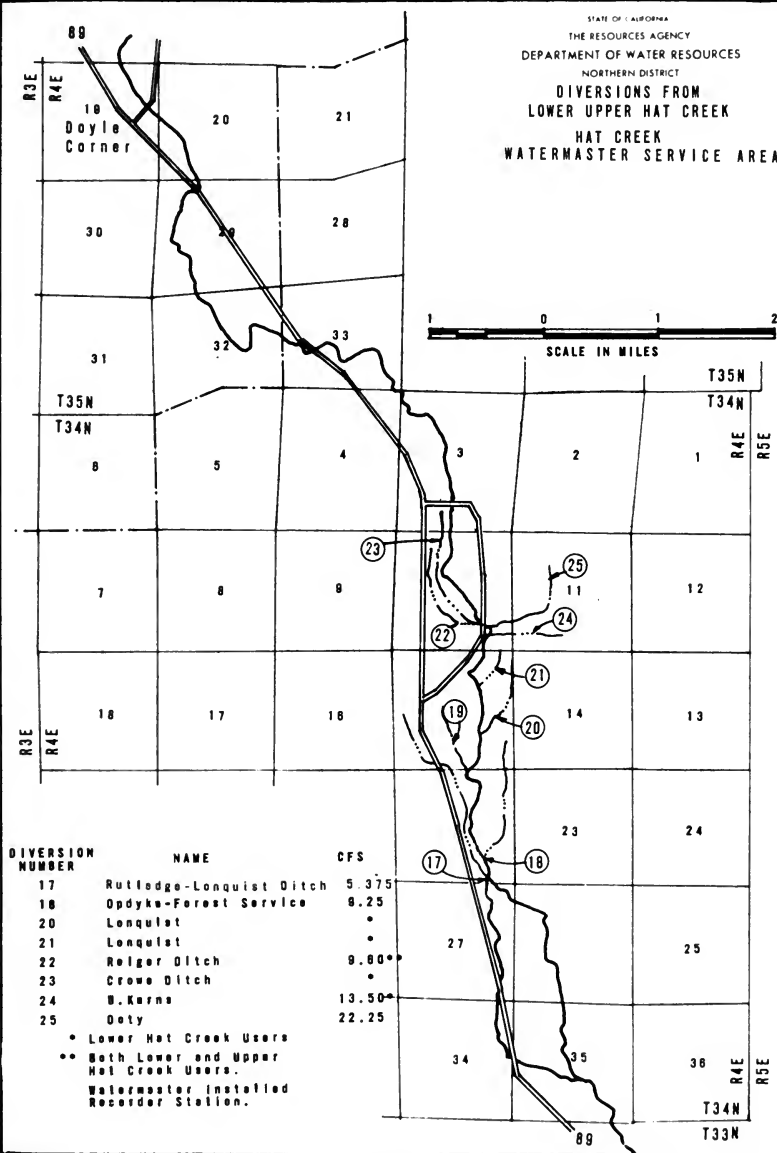
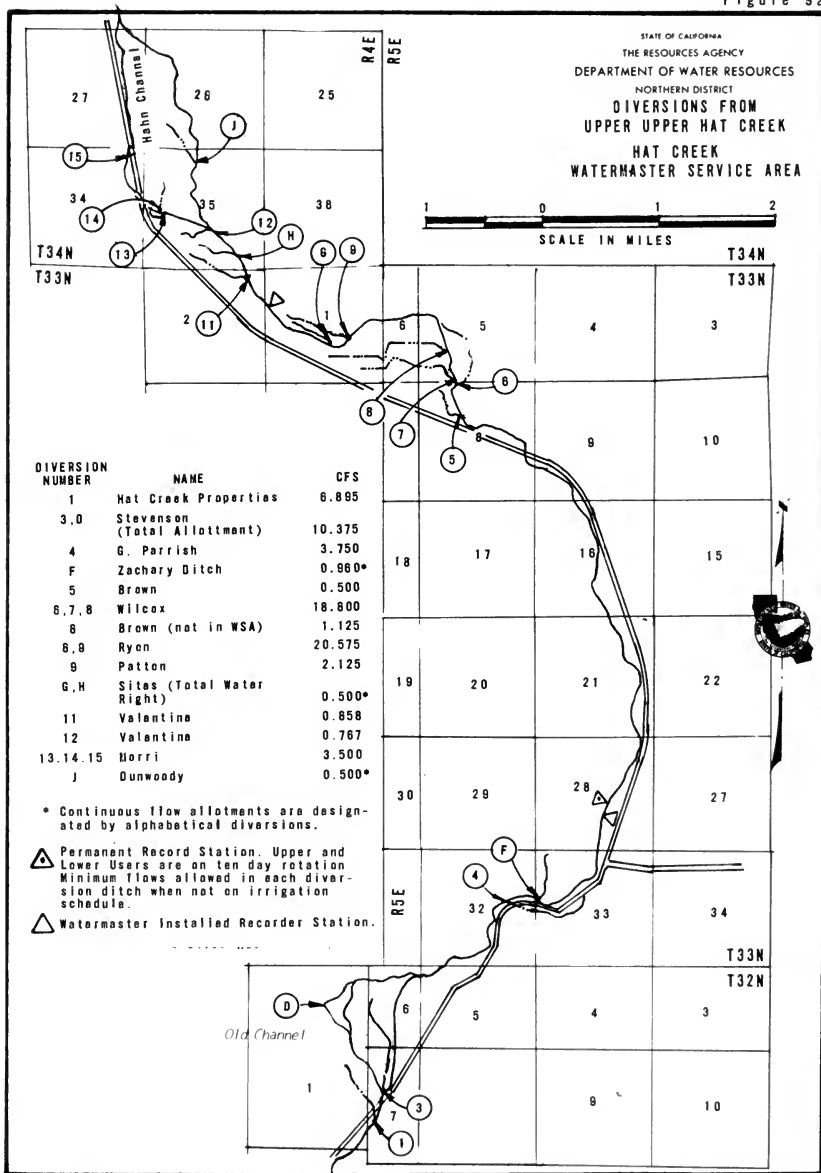
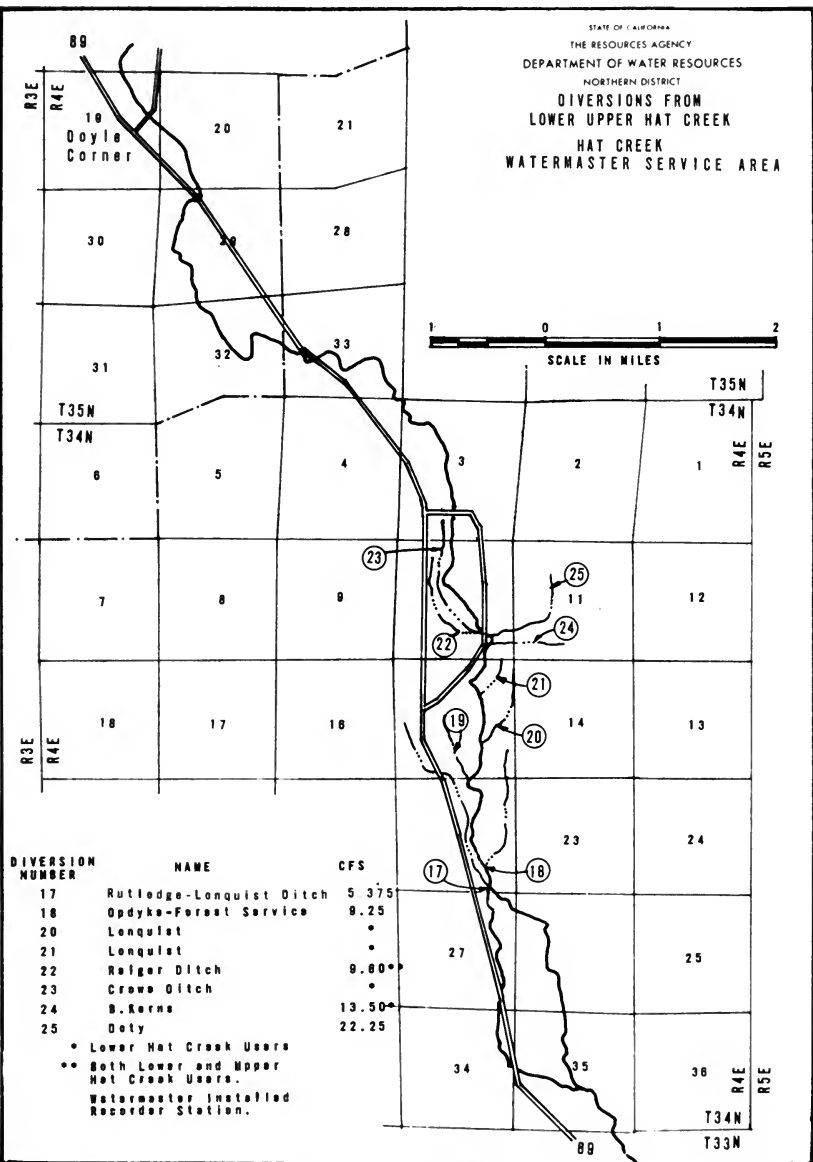


Figure 9a





**Wolf Creek.** The available water supply of Wolf Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (three priorities) until July 30. The streamflow gradually decreased until only first priority allotments were being served on August 15.

**Lights Creek and Tributaries.** The available water supply of Lights Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (three priorities) until July 10. The available water supply of Cooks Creek satisfied all allotments until July 15.

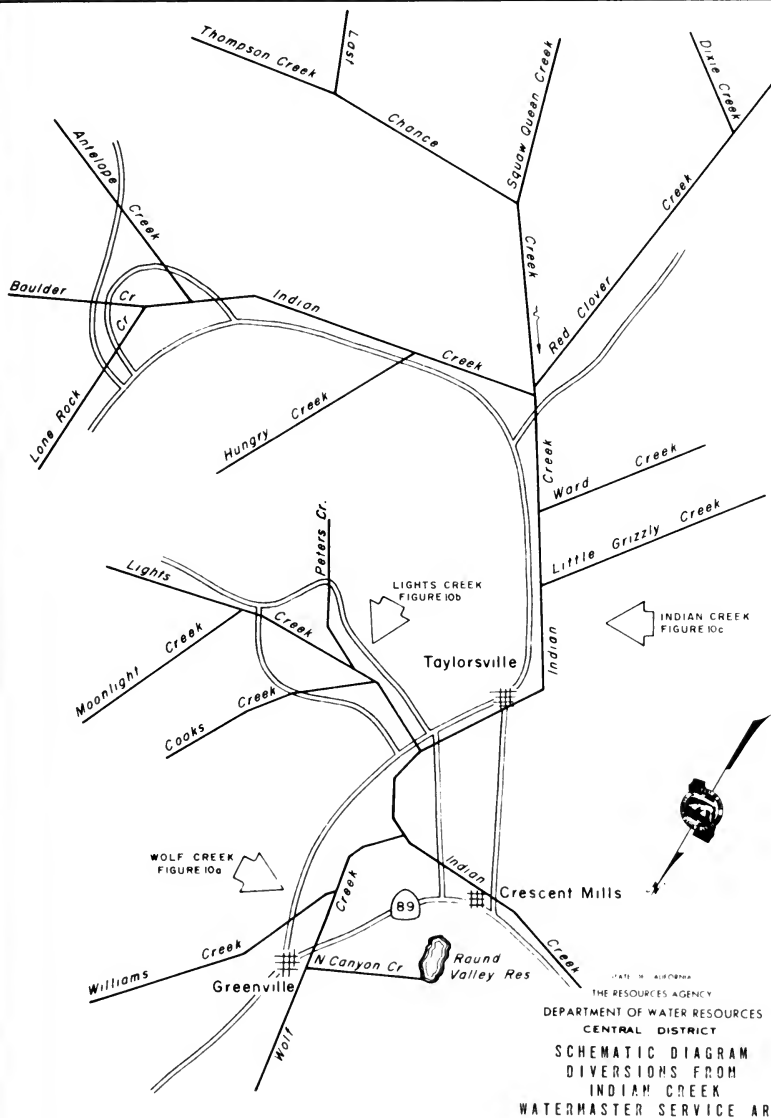
**Indian Creek.** The available water supply was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (three priorities) until July 10.

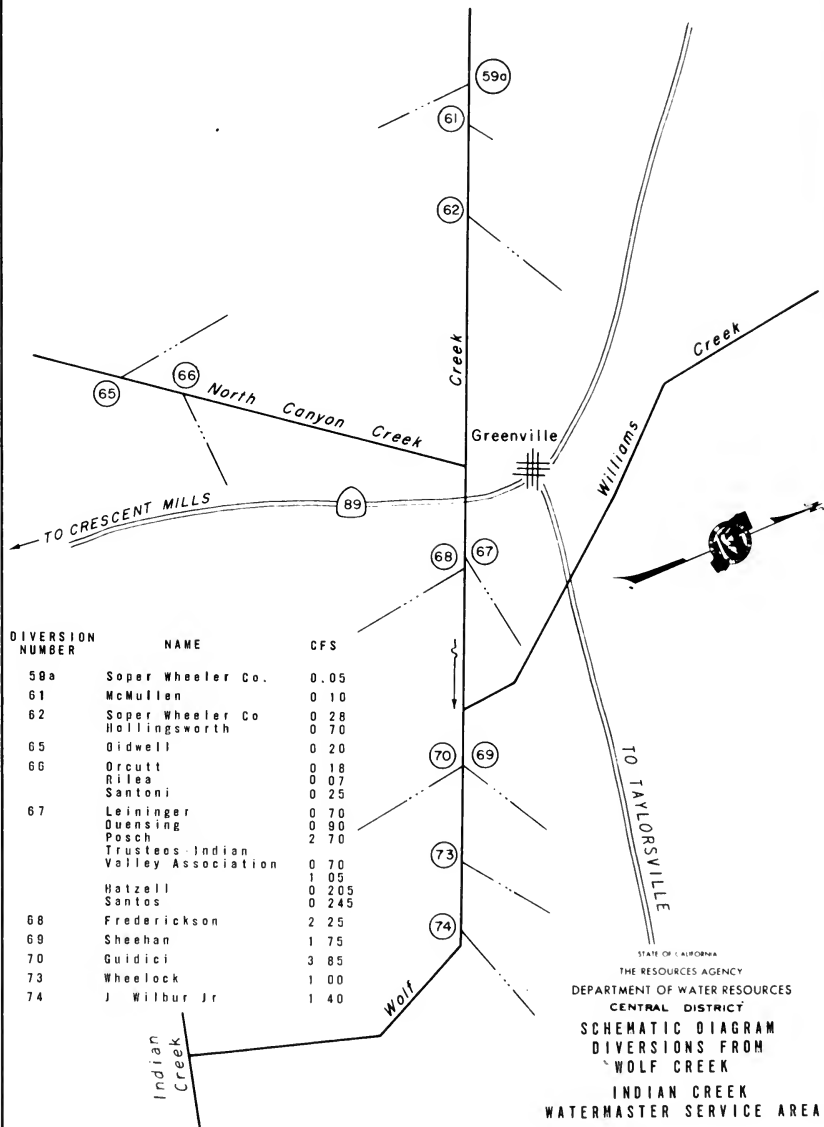
### Special Occurrences

Control devices or orifices were not needed at Diversion 54 or 55, due to the fact that Antelope Reservoir did not spill on May 1 and the project release was set at 5.0 cubic feet per second as required. The inflow was equal to or slightly below this amount and the seepage and leakage past these diversions was sufficient to satisfy the project operations criteria.

**INDIAN CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	874	292	413	249	66	37	37	1
2	891	288	324	228	61	37	37	2
3	1890	297	339	212	60	38	40	3
4	2010	343	369	194	59	37	46	4
5	1580	582	420	183	56	36	48	5
6	1230	716	453	174	54	36	46	6
7	1180	550	462	169	52	36	45	7
8	1030	482	444	166	51	34	42	8
9	1080	413	426	164	47	33	40	9
10	1230	375	408	161	47	31	40	10
11	1150	366	402	149	46	29	42	11
12	986	484	394	142	46	29	47	12
13	878	477	403	134	45	30	46	13
14	810	475	417	130	43	30	45	14
15	723	555	424	124	43	30	42	15
16	879	585	415	118	41	32	38	16
17	893	513	399	113	41	34	37	17
18	691	455	368	108	40	34	36	18
19	612	398	429	98	39	33	36	19
20	555	383	458	88	42	34	36	20
21	531	406	440	88	44	35	39	21
22	532	399	417	87	43	35	39	22
23	517	403	345	86	41	33	41	23
24	448	403	318	88	40	32	41	24
25	472	464	301	85	40	33	42	25
26	413	446	295	84	38	31	49	26
27	371	441	299	81	38	34	61	27
28	345	454	307	75	38	34	58	28
29	335	448	307	72	38	35	55	29
30	311	438	290	69	38	36	50	30
31	298		274		37			31
Mean	816	444	379	130	45.6	33.7	43.4	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	50188	26442	23328	7769	2805	2073	2580	Runoff In Acre-Feet





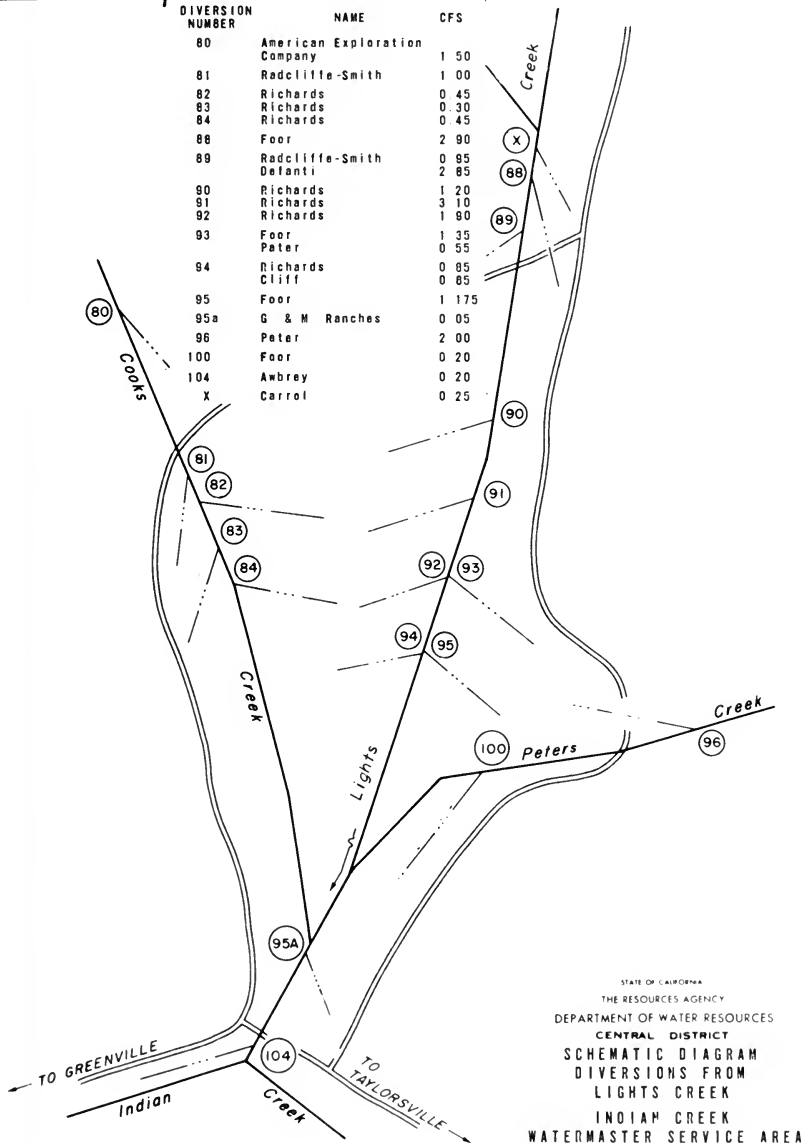


DIVERSION  
NUMBER

## NAME

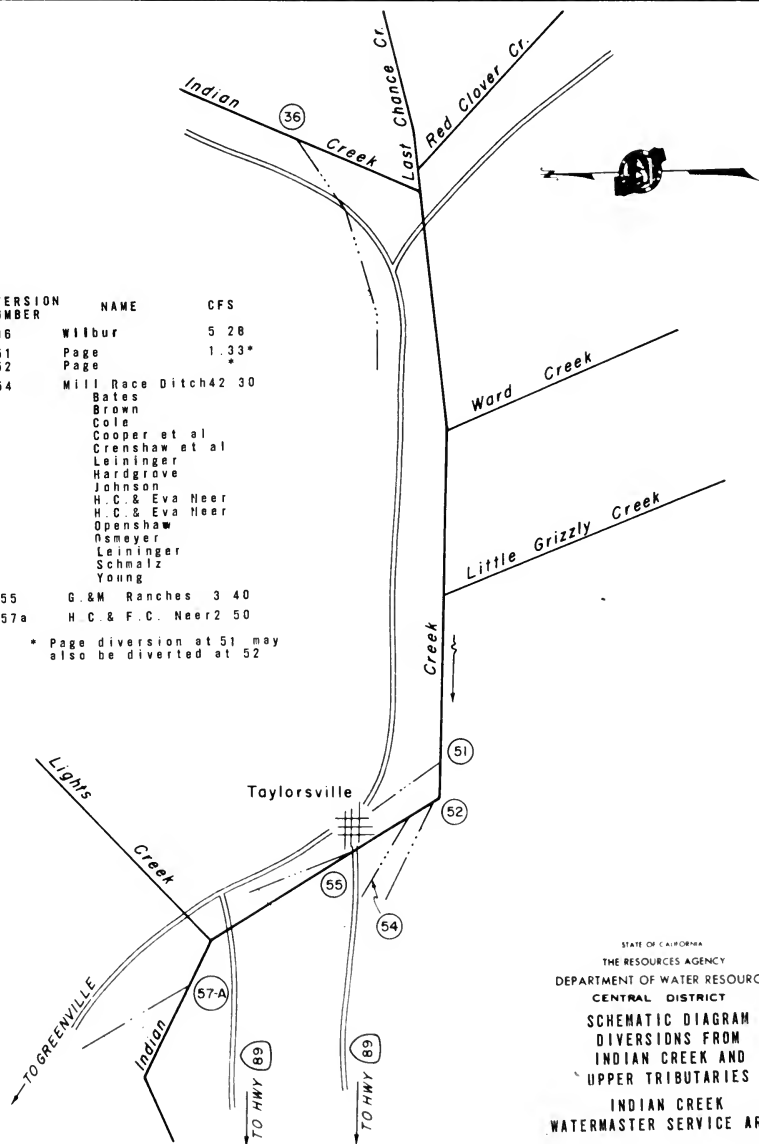
## CFS

80	American Exploration Company	1 50
81	Radcliffe-Smith	1 00
82	Richards	0 45
83	Richards	0 30
84	Richards	0 45
88	Foor	2 90
89	Radcliffe-Smith Defanti	0 85 2 85
90	Richards	1 20
91	Richards	3 10
92	Richards	1 80
93	Foor	1 35
	Peter	0 55
94	Richards Cliff	0 85 0 85
95	Foor	1 175
95a	G & M Ranches	0 05
96	Peter	2 00
100	Foor	0 20
104	Awbrey	0 20
X	Carrol	0 25



DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
36	Willbur	5 28
51	Page	1.33*
52	Page	*
54	Mill Race Ditch	42 30
	Bates	
	Brown	
	Cole	
	Cooper et al	
	Crenshaw et al	
	Leininger	
	Hardgrove	
	Johnson	
	H. C. & Eva Neer	
	H. C. & Eva Neer	
	Openshaw	
	Osmeier	
	Leininger	
	Schmalz	
	Young	
55	G. & M. Ranches	3 40
57a	H. C. & F. C. Neer	2 50

\* Page diversion at 51 may also be diverted at 52



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
CENTRAL DISTRICT  
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM  
DIVERSIONS FROM  
INDIAN CREEK AND  
UPPER TRIBUTARIES  
INDIAN CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

## Middle Fork Feather River Watermaster Service Area

The Middle Fork Feather River service area is located in the plateau area on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the eastern portions of Sierra and Plumas Counties.

Major sources of supply for this service area are the Middle Fork Feather River and its tributaries in the Sierra Valley. The area is comprised of five major stream groups. These groups, starting in the northeast corner of the valley and proceeding in a southerly and westerly direction, are Little Last Chance Creek, Smithneck Creek, Webber Creek and tributaries, West Side Canal, and Fletcher Creek and Spring Channels. The Middle Fork Feather River flows generally north for approximately 20 miles through Sierra Valley. It then flows out of the valley in a westerly direction near Beckwourth. The major place of use is in Sierra Valley, which is about 15 miles long and 10 miles wide. The average elevation of the valley floor is 4,900 feet.

Maps of the Middle Fork Feather River service area are presented as Figures 11 through 11k, pages 64 through 76.

### Basis of Service

The water rights on this stream system, which is in Plumas and Sierra Counties, were determined by a statutory adjudication and set forth in Decree No. 3095, Plumas County Superior Court, dated January 19, 1940.

The Middle Fork Feather River watermaster service area was created on March 29, 1940 and excluded certain tributaries and springs. The service area has been amended three times to include and exclude certain water rights. There are currently 98 water right owners in the service area with total allotments of 371.565 cubic feet per second.

The Middle Fork Feather River decree establishes the number of priority classes for each of the major stream systems within the Middle Fork Feather River service area as follows: Little Last Chance Creek - eight; West Side Canal Group - five; Fletcher Creek and Spring Channels - three; Sierra Valley Water Company - one; Webber Creek and tributaries - six; and Smithneck Creek - five.

### Water Supply

The major water supply in the Middle Fork Feather River service area is derived from snowmelt runoff, with minor flow from springs and from supplemental stored and foreign water.

Natural flows of Little Last Chance Creek are supplemented by reservoir storage provided by Frenchman Dam which was constructed by the Department of Water Resources in 1961. Stored water is released and used as needed under the provisions of an annual contract. Smithneck Creek flow is normally sufficient to supply all allotments until about the middle of May. It then decreases until about June 1. Only first and second priority allotments are then available for the remainder of the season.

The natural flow of Webber Creek is normally sufficient to supply all allotments until the middle of May. At that time up to 60 cubic feet per second is diverted from Little Truckee River to supplement the flow. This imported water is diverted through the Little Truckee Ditch into Onion Creek and then into Webber Creek via Cold Stream for use of shareholders in the Sierra Valley Water Company. This supplemental supply decreases rapidly during July, producing only a small quantity during the latter part of the season. The West Side Canal streams normally supply all allotments until the first part of June. The flow then gradually declines throughout the season.

The flow of Fletcher Creek and Spring Channels normally supplies all allotments until July 1. The flow then gradually declines for the remainder of the season.

Records of the daily mean discharge of several stream gaging stations in the Middle Fork Feather River service area are presented in Tables 17 and 18, page 63.

### Method of Distribution

Wild flooding is employed by the majority of the water users to irrigate their fields. Small diversion dams are placed in the stream channels to divert the water into individual distribution systems. Check dams are constructed in the swales to implement flooding once the water reaches the fields.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began April 1 in the Middle Fork Feather River service area and continued until September 30. Joe Nessler, Water Resources Engineering Associate, was supervising watermaster during this period. Conrad Lahr, Water Resources Technician II, assisted as deputy watermaster.

This was a drier than average season in the service area due to below-normal snowpack resulting in less spring runoff.

**Little Last Chance Creek.** This was the eleventh season of operation for Frenchman Dam and Reservoir. Release and distribution of water was in accordance with the annual contract between the Department of Water Resources and the Last Chance Creek Water District. Contract releases started April 24 and ended October 31. Total delivery during the season was 14,430 acre-feet.

**Smithneck Creek.** The available water supply was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (five priorities) until mid-March. On April 5 a two-week rotation schedule for the users below Loyalton was started. By July 5 the flow had dropped to less than four cubic feet per second below Loyalton and the rotation was discontinued.

**Webber Creek and Tributaries.** The natural flow of Webber Creek was sufficient to supply all allotments (six priorities) until about May 1. It then decreased gradually until about 30 percent of second priority allotments were being served at the end of the season. Importation of water from the Little Truckee River was begun on April 4 to supplement the natural flow of Webber Creek to satisfy all allotments of the Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company shareholders (one priority). A total of 6,090 acre-feet of water was diverted through the Little Truckee Ditch up to September 24 at which time diversion was terminated. This diversion provided sufficient water until about July 1.

**West Side Canal Group.** The available water supply in the West Side Canal Group, consisting of Hamlin, Miller and Turner Creeks, was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (five priorities) until mid-May at which time a rotation schedule was initiated for the water users on Turner Creek below Highway 89. The water supply continued to decrease and by August there was only sufficient supply for first and 20 percent of second priority.

**Fletcher Creek and Spring Channels.** The available water supply was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (three priorities) until about July 1. The flow then dropped gradually and by August there was only enough water to supply first priority users.

**MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 17  
LITTLE TRUCKEE DITCH AT HEAD

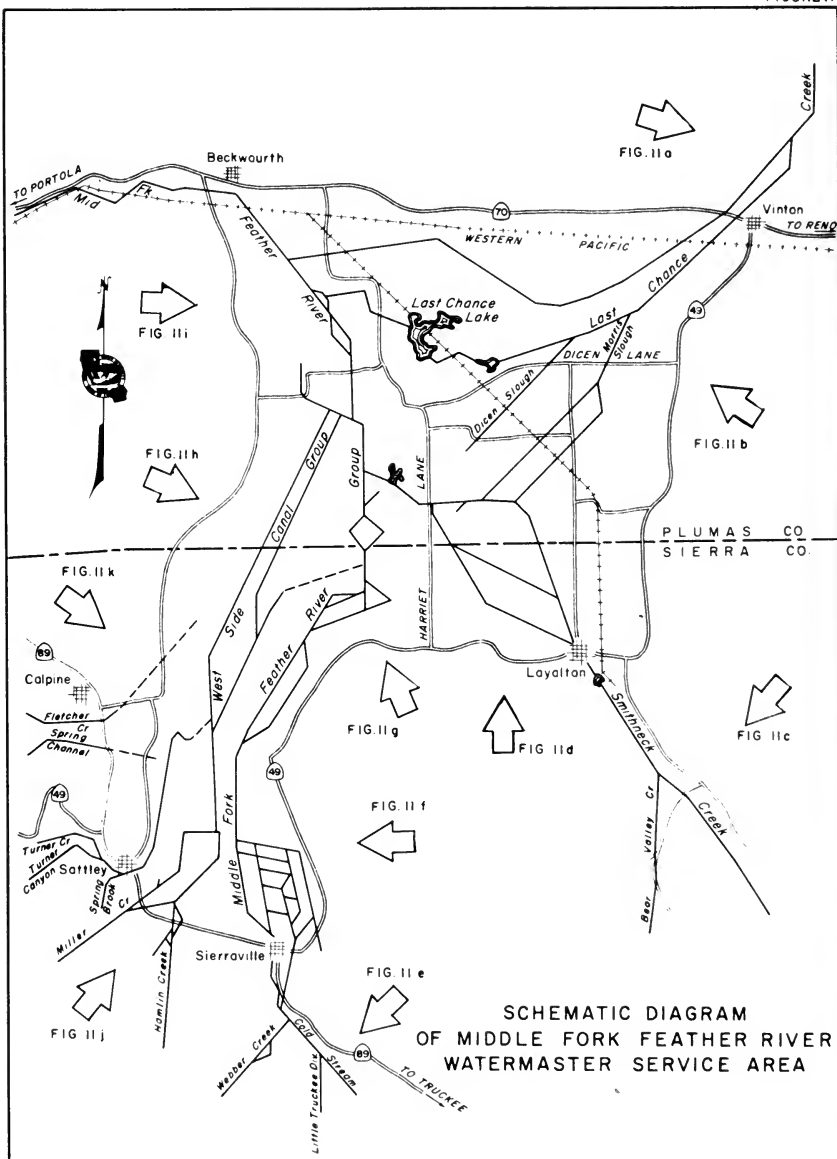
Day :	Merch :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1				56	45	3.0	5.4	1
2				52	41	2.8	4.6	2
3				48	35	2.8	2.8	3
4			14*	44	31	2.6	2.8	4
5			30	44	28	2.4	3.0	5
6			30	44	25	2.3	2.8	6
7			29	44	21	2.3	2.4	7
8			27	42	19	2.3	2.4	8
9			27	41	17	2.3	2.4	9
10			27	40	15	2.1	2.4	10
11			28	31	14	2.1	2.4	11
12			29	40	14	1.9	2.4	12
13			30	55	13	1.9	2.4	13
14			32	60	13	1.8	2.4	14
15			34	60	12	1.9	2.4	15
16			34	60	11	1.9	2.4	16
17			32	60	9.5	2.1	2.3	17
18			35	60	9.2	2.1	2.3	18
19			40	60	8.2	1.9	2.3	19
20			35	59	7.9	1.7	2.3	20
21			31	58	7.9	1.6	2.3	21
22			13	56	7.6	1.7	2.3	22
23			21	53	6.5	1.6	2.1	23
24			37	50	5.9	1.4	2.1	24
25			41	47	5.1	1.4	2.1	25
26			45	52	5.1	1.3	1.6**	26
27			49	58	4.6	1.3		27
28			53	58	4.1	1.3		28
29			53	56	3.8	1.6		29
30			53	52	3.6	2.1		30
31			56		3.6	3.4		31
Mean			34.5	51.3	14.4	2.0	2.6	Mean
Runoff In			1914	3055	885	125	133	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Flow

\*\* End of Flow

TABLE 18  
MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER AT PORTOLA

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	934	129	81	69	24	13	10	1
2	830	119	85	61	23	13	11	2
3	645	111	78	56	23	12	11	3
4	548	104	67	54	18	13	11	4
5	518	119	60	58	8.1	12	12	5
6	537	167	53	62	8.8	12	12	6
7	552	243	51	67	7.7	12	13	7
8	511	305	55	72	6.2	12	13	8
9	480	305	63	73	5.0	11	13	9
10	499	250	66	71	12	11	14	10
11	558	232	64	67	17	11	14	11
12	576	267	58	65	16	11	15	12
13	536	318	55	60	15	11	15	13
14	453	356	52	57	14	11	15	14
15	391	366	54	64	11	11	14	15
16	317	344	53	66	10	11	16	16
17	254	313	51	57	11	11	17	17
18	237	274	52	52	9.9	11	17	18
19	222	219	93	48	10	11	17	19
20	213	168	143	44	11	11	17	20
21	201	151	160	41	10	10	18	21
22	189	133	168	44	9.2	10	17	22
23	180	111	157	55	8.7	9.9	18	23
24	188	94	173	41	9.6	8.1	19	24
25	188	77	168	43	9.0	8.1	19	25
26	191	31	143	49	8.8	8.1	24	26
27	201	11	122	35	9.3	8.6	24	27
28	193	26	107	28	9.6	9.4	22	28
29	173	62	95	27	13	13	23	29
30	158	78	87	27	13	12	26	30
31	146		79		12	10	31	31
Mean	381	182	90.0	53.6	12.0	10.6	16.2	Mean
Runoff In	23482	10879	5536	3199	740	671	966	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

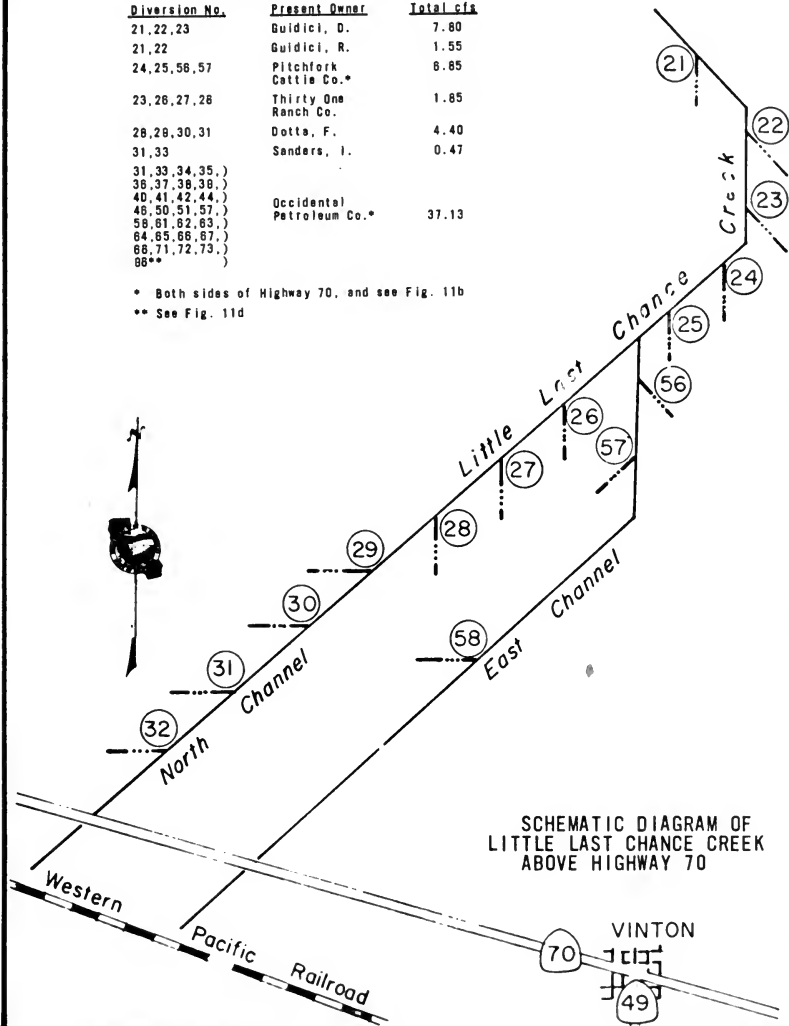


ALLOCATIONS FROM LITTLE LAST CHANCE CREEK  
ABOVE HIGHWAY 70

<u>Diversion No.</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Total cfs</u>
21,22,23	Guidici, D.	7.60
21,22	Guidici, R.	1.55
24,25,56,57	Pitchfork Cattle Co.*	8.65
23,26,27,28	Thirty One Ranch Co.	1.85
26,29,30,31	Dotta, F.	4.40
31,33	Sanders, I.	0.47
31,33,34,35,) 36,37,38,39,) 40,41,42,44,) 46,50,51,57,) 58,61,62,63,) 64,65,66,67,) 68,71,72,73,) 96**	Occidental Petroleum Co.*	37.13

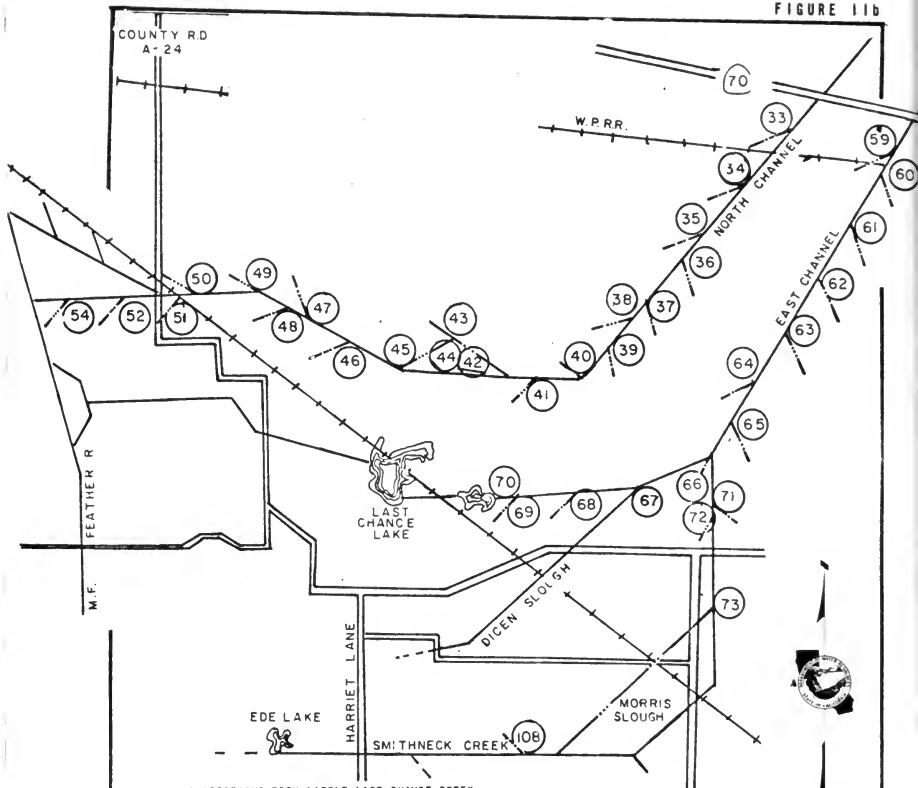
\* Both sides of Highway 70, and see Fig. 11b

\*\* See Fig. 11d



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
LITTLE LAST CHANCE CREEK  
ABOVE HIGHWAY 70

FIGURE 11b



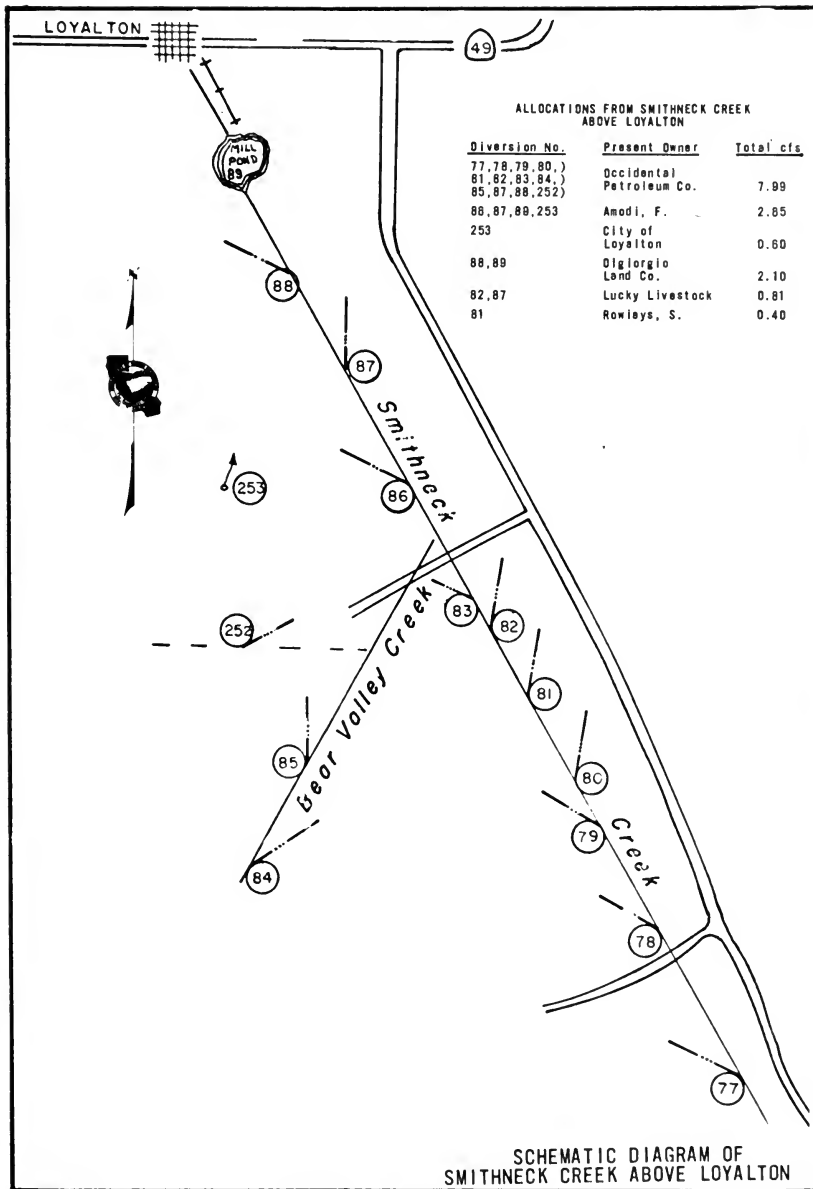
ALLOCATIONS FROM LITTLE LAST CHANCE CREEK  
BELOW HIGHWAY 70

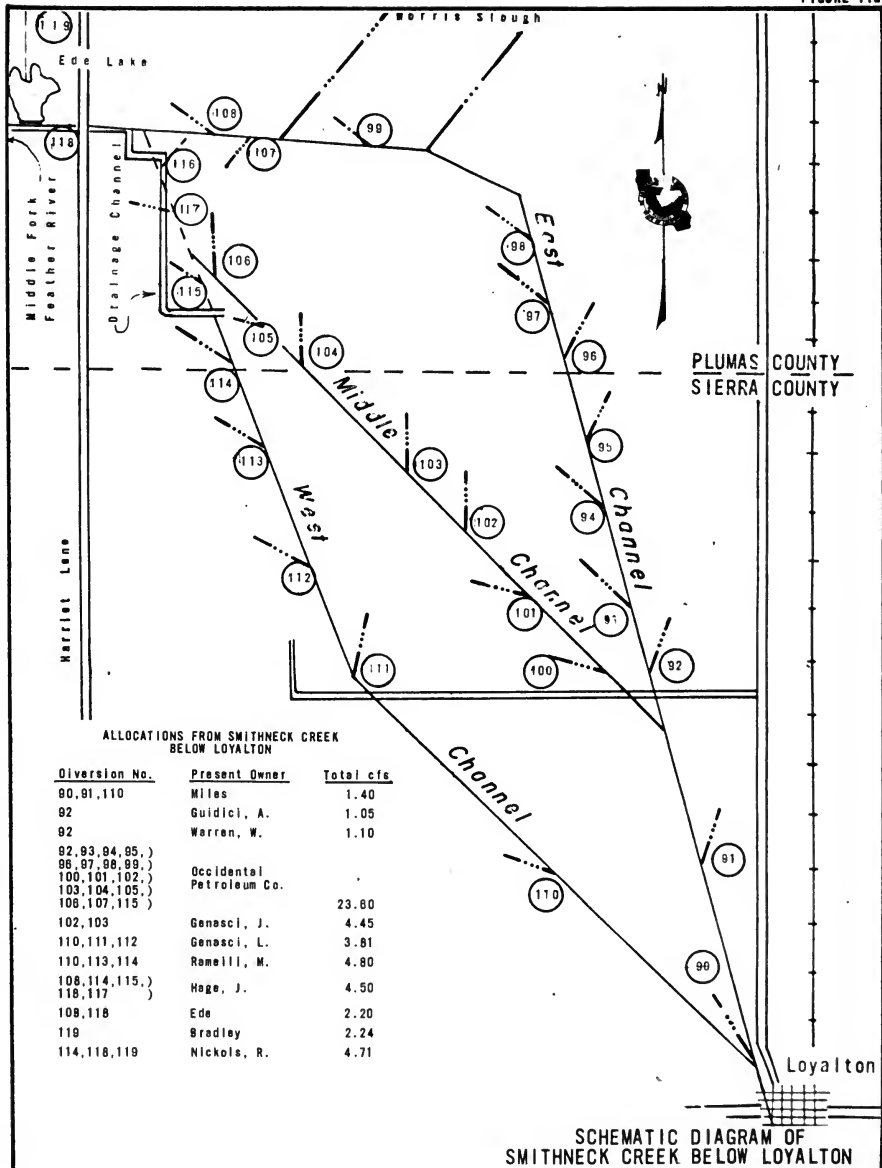
<u>Diversion No.</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Total cfs</u>
31*, 32*, 57*, )	Ramelli, T.	3.30
58*, 59, 60 )		
57, 58, 59, 60	Ayoob, G.	4.05
43, 44, 45, 67,	Roberti, E.	9.14
68, 69, 72, 79		
70	Ramelli, M.	0.55
70	Wiley, J.	0.20
70	Carmichael, F.	0.10
47, 48, 49	Bonta, S.	4.45
52, 53	Maddalena, L.	1.20
54, 55	Noble, P.	0.45
67, 72	Humphrey, M.	1.68
67, 108	Hage, J.	0.20

\* See Fig. 11a for location of diversions 33-42,  
46, 50, 51, 61-68, 71, 72, 73, 98  
(Occidental Petroleum)

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
LITTLE LAST CHANCE CREEK  
BELOW HIGHWAY 70







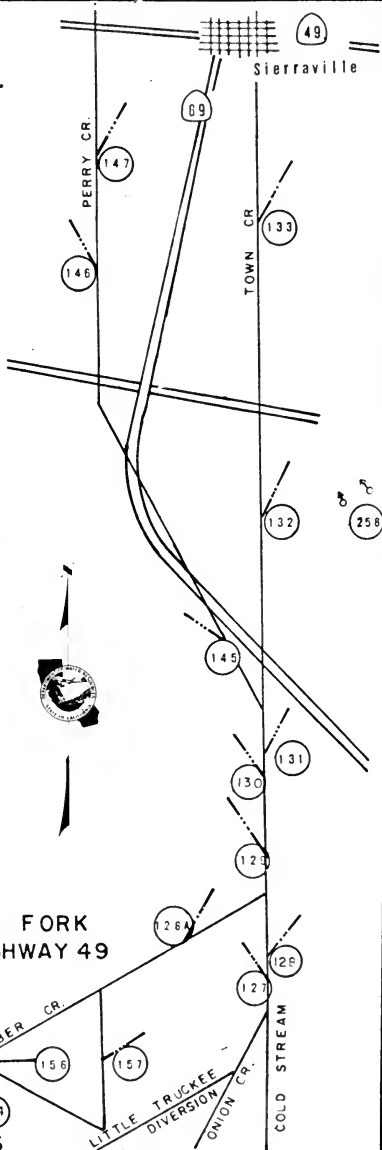
ALLOCATIONS FROM MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 49

Diversion No.	Present Owner	Total cfs
127	Morgan	0.12
155	Amodei, J.	2.50
133, 158, 157	McKinney	1.35
128, 128A	Johnson, A. & Stodieh	0.905
133, 134	Johnson, L.	1.04
134*	Johnson, S.	0.22
129*	G&M Ranches	2.30
131, 132, 145, 258	Pitchfork Cattle Co.	2.45
128, 128A	Marin Girl Scouts	0.095
130	LaCosta, P.	0.006
130	Oellers, K.	0.025
145	Heinsen, A.	0.02
133	Goodrich, C.	0.02
134	Griffin, T.	0.03
134	Skutt, J.	0.08
134	West, H.	0.03
145	White, E.	0.10
145	Wright, I.	0.10
134	Roscoe, P.	0.10
134	Savage, H&E.	0.01
129, 133**	Webber, G.	2.11
145	Scudder, N.	0.04
R. R. Springs	Sierraville PUD	0.654

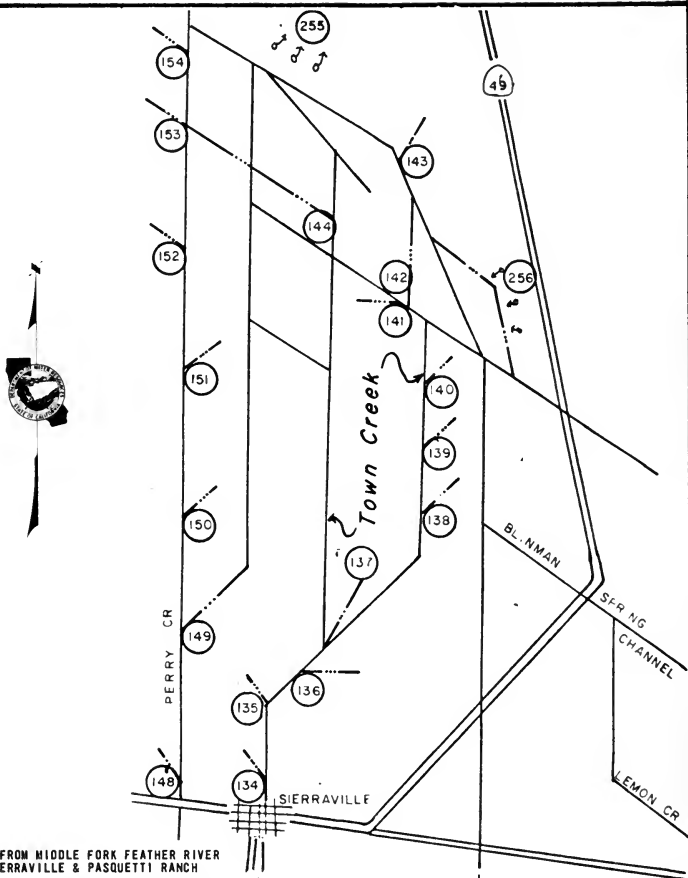
\* Both sides of Highway 49

\*\* Other allocations north of Highway 49

Rights under Div. 134, formerly used in Sierraville



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF MIDDLE FORK  
FEATHER RIVER SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 49



ALLOCATIONS FROM MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
BETWEEN SIERRAVILLE & PASQUETTI RANCH

<u>Diversion No.</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Total cfs</u>
134	Hannon, P.	0.015
134	Snozzi, A.	0.02
135	Carmichael, F.	0.55
137, 141, 148*, ) 147*, 149, 152 )	Webber, G.	13.00
136, 137, 138, ) 139, 147* )	Bony, M.	6.85
148	Wilson Bros.	2.00
148, 149, 150, ) 151 )	Small, F.	4.90
140, 256	Alpers, F.	3.20
142, 143, 255	Torri, K.	4.00
144, 153, 154	Mooney, J.	2.00

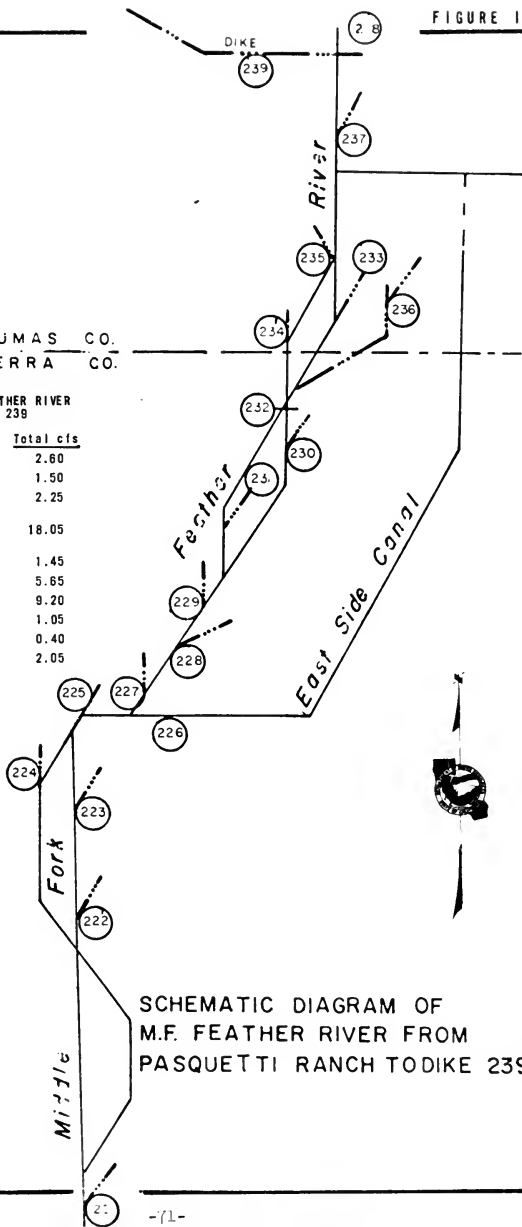
\* See Fig. 11e

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
BETWEEN  
SIERRAVILLE AND PASQUETTI RANCH

PLUMAS CO.  
SIERRA CO.

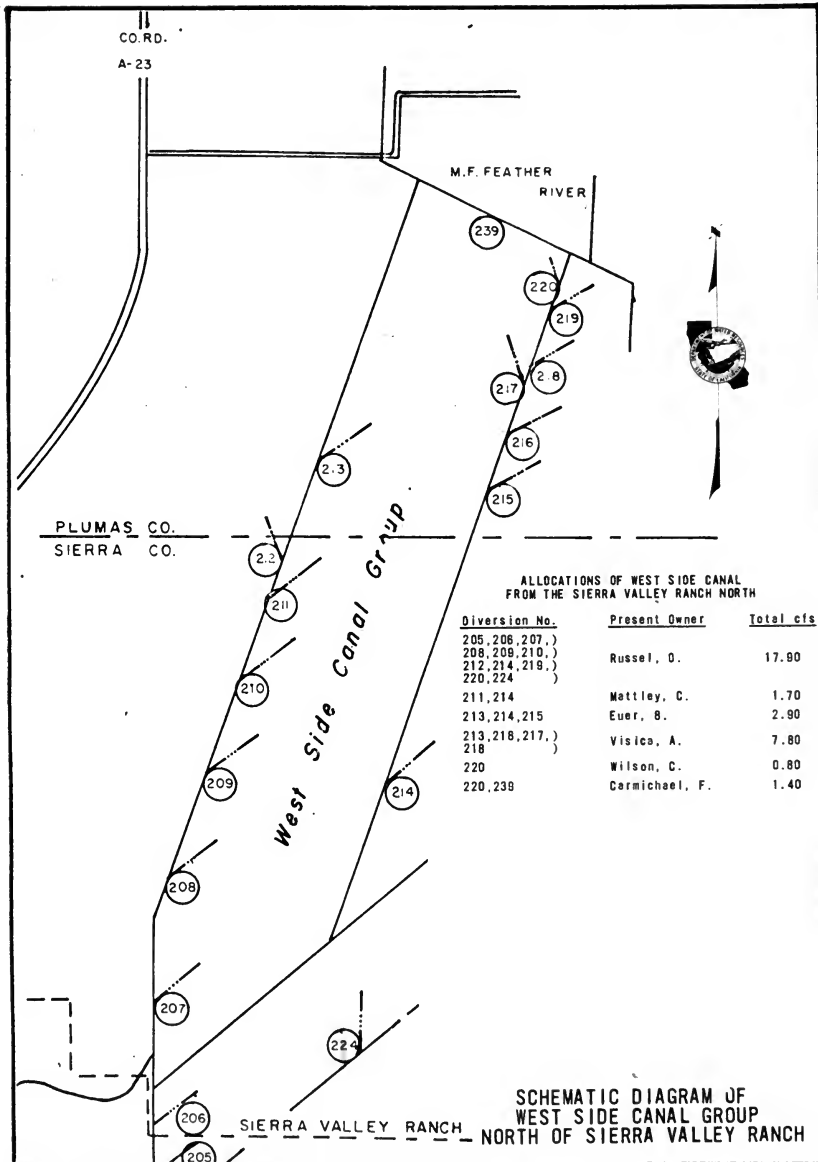
ALLOCATIONS FROM MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
FROM PASQUETTI RANCH TO DIKE 239

Diversion No.	Present Owner	Total cfs
221	Pasquetti, B.	2.60
222	Mello, J.	1.50
222,223	Vanetti, A.	2.25
224,225,228, ) 227,228,230, ) 231,234 )	Russel, D.	18.05
226,229	Genasci, A.	1.45
226,232,233	Filippini, G&C.	5.65
226,235,236	Nichols, R.	9.20
226	Ramelli, A.	1.05
234	Visica, A.	0.40
119,237,238	Bradley, F.	2.05



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
M.F. FEATHER RIVER FROM  
PASQUETTI RANCH TO DIKE 239

**FIGURE 11h**



BECKWORTH

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W P R R

LOYALTON  
SPUR

ALLOCATIONS FROM MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
FROM DIKE 239

Diversion No.	Present Owner	Total cfs
238, 239, 240, ) 241, 242 )	Carmicheal, F.	10.50
238	Wiley, J.	0.14*
239	Wilson, C.	0.80
242	Maddalena, L.	0.35
54, 55, 243, ) 244, 245, 263 )	Noble, P.	4.50
248	Folchl, E.	1.45

\* Total diversion right = 50 Acre-Feet Per  
Year



Feather River

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245

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NORTH CHANNEL  
LITTLE LAST  
CHANCE CR.CO. RD.  
A-24

243

EAST CHANNEL

242

241

244

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240

Fork

Middle

DIKE

WEST SIDE

CANAL

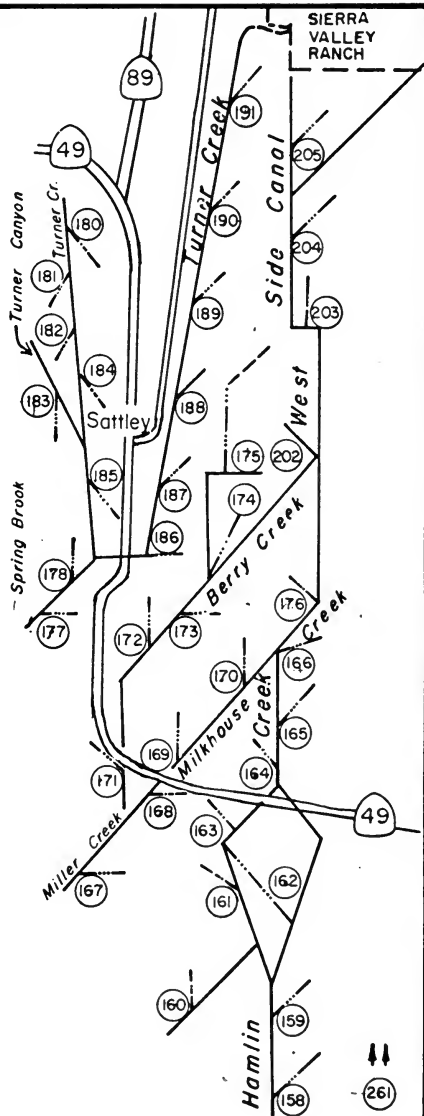
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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER  
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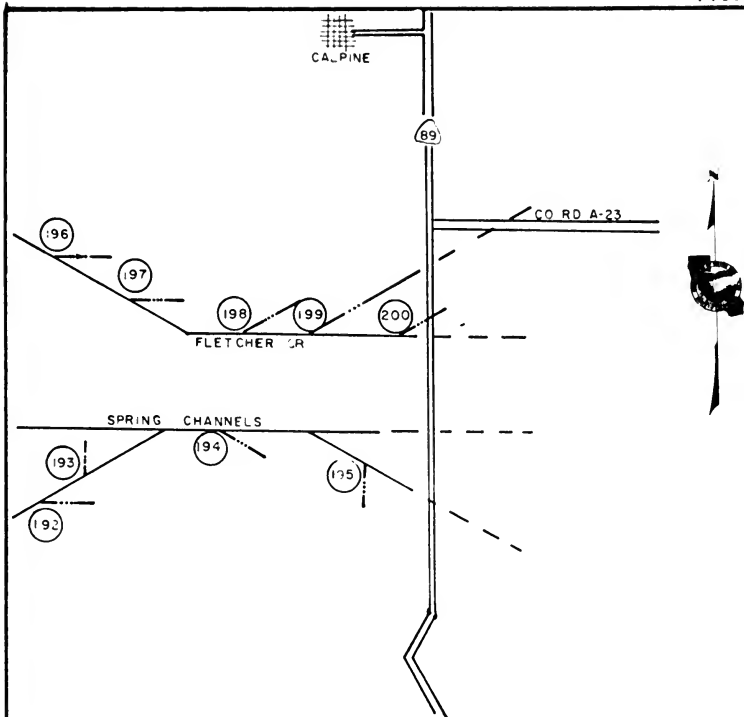
ALLOCATIONS FROM WEST SIDE CANAL GROUP  
SOUTH OF SIERRA VALLEY RANCH

<u>Division No.</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Total cts</u>
158,159,181, ) 162,281 )	Maddalena, L.	6.13
167	Strang, A&E.	0.01
180,181,183, ) 184,187 )	Strang, Estate of	8.54
185,187,188, ) 189,170,171, ) 173,174,177 )	Martinetti, E.	6.33
185,188	Webber, G.	2.60
172,177,178, ) 184,185 )	Cavitt, J.	4.25
174,202	Openshaw, G.	2.10
175,184,186, ) 187 )	Church, G.	5.60
180	Turner, J.	0.02
175,181,182, ) 183,184,185, ) 187,189,190, ) 202 )	Turner, F.	10.25
178	Wilson Bros.	1.50
180,188	Dargie, Y.	2.80
189	Berutti, J.	2.50
188,191,202, ) 204,205 )	Van Vleck, G.	6.05
178,203	Mooney, J.	1.50
176	Pasquetti, B.	2.40



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF  
WEST SIDE CANAL GROUP  
SOUTH OF SIERRA VALLEY RANCH





ALLOCATIONS FROM FLETCHER CREEK  
AND SPRING CHANNELS

Diversion No.	Present Owner	Total cfs
196	Sierra Co. Water District	0.52
198	Blanchard, O.	0.04
177, 178, 192, ) 193, 194 )	Borelli, A.	1.744
192	Scott, F.	0.05
192, 193, 194	Jinnette, F&W.	0.046
195, 199, 200	Paulson & Cadenhead	1.428
199	Lukens & Copple	0.302
198, 200	All Pro Guest Ranch	0.864
199, 200	Berutti, J.	0.456

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM  
FLETCHER CREEK  
AND  
SPRING CANAL



## North Fork Cottonwood Creek Service Area

The North Fork Cottonwood Creek service area is situated in Shasta County near the town of Ono west of Redding. Figure 12, page 79, shows the North Fork Cottonwood Creek stream system including the diversions and roads.

The source of water supply for this service area is the North Fork of Cottonwood Creek and its two major tributaries, Moon Creek and Jerusalem Creek. The North Fork of Cottonwood Creek flows through the service area in a south-westerly direction to its confluence with the other two major forks of Cottonwood Creek and then to the Sacramento River east of the town of Cottonwood. The service area consists of sparsely scattered parcels separated by steep, brushy hills. These lands are at about the 1,000-foot elevation.

### Basis of Service

The water rights on this creek system were determined by court reference and set forth in Decree No. 5479, Shasta County Superior Court, dated June 9, 1920. The North Fork Cottonwood Creek watermaster service area was created September 11, 1929; however, service was provided intermittently in accordance with the decree since 1924. There are 13 water right owners in the area with total allotments of 30.30 cubic feet per second, all with equal priority.

### Water Supply

Snowmelt contributes to the flow in the North Fork Cottonwood Creek system during the early part of the irrigation season. However, perennial springs provide the major source of supply during the summer and fall months. The flow is normally sufficient to supply all demands. In dry years, however, the available supply may be as low as

30 to 40 percent of the decreed allotments.

A record of the daily mean discharge of North Fork Cottonwood Creek near Igo is presented in Table 19. This stream gaging station is downstream from most diversion points on the creek, but gives a general indication of the water supply.

### Method of Distribution

The general practice throughout the area is to irrigate by wild flooding. One water user, however, pumps directly from the creek using a sprinkler system to irrigate his crops. Pumping was necessary at this diversion point because the irrigated land was considerably higher in elevation than the creek channel.

### 1972 Distribution

John M. Miller, Water Resources Technician II, was watermaster in the North Fork Cottonwood Creek service area beginning June 1, 1972, and continuing until September 30.

The available water supply was below average for the 1972 irrigation season. The stream gaging station at the Gas Point Road bridge recorded a total of 10,140 acre-feet between April 1 and September 30.

### Special Occurrences

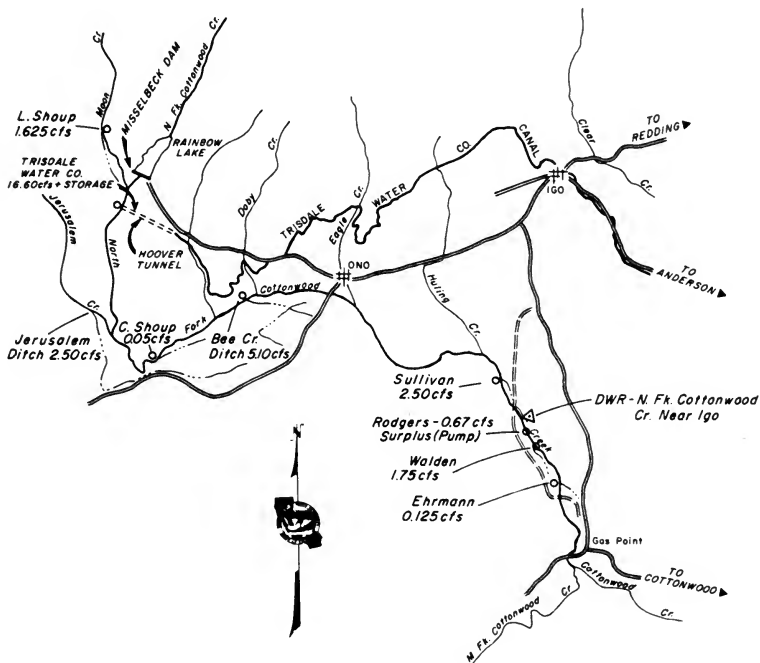
Rainbow Lake, behind Musselbeck Dam, started the irrigation season at gage height 40 feet, far below its storage capacity, due to safety standards of the Division of Safety of Dams. Curtailment of storage will be in effect until extensive repairs are made to the dam.

# NORTH FORK COTTONWOOD CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 18  
NORTH FORK COTTONWOOD CREEK NEAR 160

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	207	81	83	22	5.6	2.2	0.8	1
2	402	83	59	22	4.9	2.3	0.9	2
3	513	75	57	22	4.5	2.2	1.0	3
4	338	74	55	21	4.3	2.0	1.1	4
5	274	86	55	20	4.1	1.9	1.2	5
6	208	120	55	11	4.0	1.8	1.2	6
7	184	110	58	10	3.7	1.8	1.2	7
8	150	108	58	23	3.6	1.8	1.2	8
9	147	104	54	31	3.8	1.7	1.2	9
10	170	99	48	30	3.3	1.5	1.4	10
11	174	158	43	23	3.3	1.5	1.4	11
12	161	166	40	18	3.0	1.5	1.5	12
13	150	148	40	13	2.9	1.4	1.5	13
14	138	140	38	11	2.8	1.2	1.4	14
15	122	138	35	9.8	2.4	1.3	1.3	15
16	117	128	33	8.7	2.1	1.5	1.3	16
17	112	122	36	7.4	2.0	1.8	1.2	17
18	105	117	34	7.3	2.0	1.7	1.2	18
19	98	116	33	7.0	2.1	1.7	1.2	19
20	88	104	92	6.4	2.3	1.8	1.2	20
21	81	94	77	5.9	2.7	2.2	1.2	21
22	293	89	52	6.1	2.8	1.9	1.2	22
23	127	91	49	6.4	2.6	1.5	0.8	23
24	146	87	45	10	2.8	1.3	1.0	24
25	141	80	44	9.7	2.7	1.4	1.2	25
26	114	79	40	9.3	2.5	1.2	4.8	26
27	109	71	38	7.9	2.2	0.8	12	27
28	102	67	35	7.0	2.2	0.8	5.4	28
29	94	65	33	6.1	2.3	0.8	3.0	29
30	87	64	30	5.7	2.3	0.9	2.3	30
31	81		23		2.2	0.9		31
Mean	169	102	46.6	13.5	3.0	1.6	1.9	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	10340	6073	2880	789	186	96	114	Runoff In Acre-Feet



△ Permanent Recorder Station

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
DIVERSIONS FROM  
NORTH FORK COTTONWOOD CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA



## North Fork Pit River Watermaster Service Area

The North Fork Pit River service area lies along the west slopes of the Warner Mountains in northeastern Modoc County and extends from the Oregon border about 45 miles southward to a point just south of Alturas.

A series of eight small independent streams draining the west slope of the Warner Mountains and generally following a westerly direction comprise the major source of water supply. Three of these streams, New Pine, Cottonwood, and Davis Creeks, are tributary to Goose Lake. All other streams in the service area are tributary to the North Fork Pit River. These are: Linville, Franklin, Joseph, Thoms, and Parker Creeks.

The North Fork Pit River flows in a southerly direction from the south rim of Goose Lake to its confluence with the South Fork Pit River immediately below Alturas. The basins of Goose Lake and the North Fork Pit River may be considered as completely separate, since the lake has not spilled into the river for nearly 100 years.

The place of use in the northern half of the area lies in a relatively long, narrow, sloping strip extending between the eastern shore of Goose Lake and the foothills of the Warner Mountains. The places of use in the southern half of the area, which are supplied from the North Fork Pit River and its tributaries, are primarily in the narrow valleys bordering the streams. The elevation of the places of use range from about 4,350 feet just below Alturas to about 5,200 feet at the upper limits on some of the creeks.

Maps of the North Fork Pit River watermaster service area and of the separate stream systems within the area are presented as Figures 13 through 13j, pages 91 through 101.

### Basis of Service

There are 91 water right owners in the service area with allotments totaling 214.55 cubic feet per second. Table 20, page 84 briefly outlines the five decrees covering the area and presents data relative to establishment of watermaster service and water rights.

### Water Supply

The water supply is derived primarily from snowmelt for all streams in the North Fork Pit River service area except Linville Creek, which, having a relatively small drainage area, is almost entirely spring fed. After mid-June, the rest of the streams also depend on springs to maintain their flow, but diminish rapidly until mid-July, after which the flow remains fairly constant. There are several small reservoirs in the area, but they are used essentially as regulatory storage.

### Method of Distribution

Distribution is accomplished by diversion structures in the main channels diverting into ditches which convey the water to its place of use. Wild flooding from small feeder ditches is the common method of application. There is, however, increasing use of sprinkler systems, some directly from ditches with supplemental ground water being added as the surface flow diminishes. Subirrigation by the use of large flashboard dams to raise the water level in the channel is practiced along the North Fork Pit River between Parker Creek and Alturas.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began April 20 in the North Fork Pit River service area and continued until September 30. Charles H. Holmes, Assistant Engineer, Water Resources, was watermaster during this period.

The available water supply during the spring months was excellent throughout the service area. Because of a very warm summer, however, streamflows during the latter part of the season were near average conditions.

**New Pine Creek.** Surplus water was available to New Pine Creek water right owners throughout the period that the proration or correlative system of distribution was in effect (until June 27). Commencing July 1, in accordance with provisions of the decree, distribution was based on the priority system (four priorities). Fourth priority allotments were satisfied until August 4. Thereafter, the flow gradually decreased until approximately 25 percent of third priority allotments were being met at the end of the season.

**Cottonwood Creek.** A sufficient water supply existed in Cottonwood Creek to satisfy all allotments (six priorities) until late spring. The fourth priority allotments were served until June 7. Thereafter, the flow decreased gradually, reaching first priority level on June 15. By the end of the season the flow had decreased until only about 11 percent of first priority allotments were served.

**Davis Creek.** The available water supply in Davis Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (four priorities) until June 13. One hundred percent of third priority allotments were served until June 22. One hundred percent of second priority allotments were available throughout the remainder of the season. At the end of the season the flow was about 2 percent of third priority allotments.

**Linville Creek.** The available water supply in Linville Creek decreased steadily from the time watermaster service began until the end of the irrigation season. The available supply for first priority allotments ranged from 86 percent on May 17 to 52 percent at the end of the season.

**Franklin Creek.** The available water supply in Franklin Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (four priorities) from April 28 until June 5. One hundred percent of the third priorities were served until June 9. The flow then gradually decreased until mid-September when 19 percent of third priority allotments were being served. On September 15 the winter schedule of priorities became effective. Under this schedule, only 15 percent of third priority allotments were met.

**Joseph Creek.** A surplus water supply existed in Joseph Creek until June 16. The flow then receded until on August 29 only first priority allotments (four priorities) were served. Thereafter, the flow gradually decreased to 85 percent of first priority allotments at the end of the season.

**Thoms Creek.** A sufficient water supply existed in Thoms Creek to meet all allotments (three priorities) until July 12. The flow then gradually decreased to 6 percent of third priority allotments at the end of the season.

**Gleason Creek.** The available water supply in Gleason Creek was sufficient to satisfy fourth priority allotments (five priorities) until April 25. The flow then rapidly dropped to 100 percent of third priority allotments by May 23. By June 15 the creek was dry.

**Shields Creek.** A surplus water supply existed in Shields Creek until mid-June. The flow decreased rapidly until approximately 75 percent of second priority allotments (four priorities) were served on July 31. The supply then gradually decreased until the end of September when 30 percent of second priority allotments were being supplied.

**Parker Creek.** The flow in Parker Creek peaked in mid-May and continued to serve 100 percent of all allotments (four priorities) until mid-June. From then until late September the flow continued to decrease gradually. At that time about 20



percent of third priority allotments were served.

**North Fork Pit River.** A surplus water supply existed in the North Fork Pit River until June 13. On that date the Dorris Reservoir allotments were reduced. The flow then decreased rapidly

until July 6 when only first priority allotments (five priorities) were being served. The decrease continued until July 20 when only 53 percent of first priority allotments were available. This condition continued throughout the remainder of the season.

TABLE 20

## DECREES AND RELATED DATA - NORTH FORK PIT RIVER SERVICE AREA

Stream	Modoc County Superior Court Decree			Service Area Created	No. of Water Right Owners	Total Cubic Feet Per Second	Remarks
	No.	Date	Type <sup>a/</sup>				
New Pine Creek	2821	6-14-32	CR	6-22-32	21	22.18	Decree does not define town users rights, but by agreement they may divert from 7 a.m. Monday until 7 a.m. Tuesday, further modified to a continuous flow used in rotation.
Cottonwood Creek	2344	5-03-40	CR	12-13-40	5	15.35	When water for Diversion No. 3 is insufficient to reach the area of use, it is diverted at Diversion No. 4.
Davis Creek	2782	6-30-32	CR	7-13-32	19	52.70	4 priorities, 4-1 to 9-15. Some rights vary according to flow available. Most 1st & 2nd priorities are year-round. One second priority right is for 0.40 cfs export for Roberts Creek.
					2 <sup>b/</sup>		Appropriative Permit 9825 allows diversion from North Fork Davis Creek and License 10549 to divert from Davis Creek, both for the period from 10-1 to 5-1.
Franklin Creek	3118	9-08-33	CR	9-14-33	4	11.66	4 priorities. The 1st priority and all 2nd priority rights are year-round, except one, which is equal to all the others (1.46 cfs), and is for the period 9-15 to 3-31 annually. Third and fourth priorities are for 4-1 to 9-30 each year.
North Fork Pit River	4074	12-14-34	S	12-18-39	10	51.73	5 priorities, 4-1 to 9-30. Dorris Reservoir water diverted through Parker Creek ditch on Parker Creek. 4th and 5th priorities are special class.
Linville	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	3	8.30	2 priorities.
Joseph	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	6	11.98	4 priorities, 4-1 to 9-30. Diversions on south side of stream, with the exception of No. 26, are on net consumptive use basis.
Parker	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	7	18.07	4 priorities, 4-1 to 9-30. Diversion to Dorris Reservoir shown on North Fork Pit River schedule is made at No. 120, Parker Creek ditch.
Shiells	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	5	7.50	4 priorities, 4-1 to 9-30.
Thoms	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	9	6.44	3 priorities, 4-1 to 9-30.
						9.40	(5.0 cfs export to Cedar Cr. (4.40 cfs export to Stony Canyon.
Gleason	4074	12-14-39	S	12-18-39	4	4.45	5 priorities.

a/ S-Statutory, CR-Court Reference,

b/ Appropriative rights, junior to the decreed rights.

**NORTH FORK PIT RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 21**  
**NEW PINE CREEK BELOW SCHROEDER'S**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1				44	19	14	8.8	1
2			27	43	19	13	8.8	2
3			31	42	18	13	8.8	3
4			33	42	17	13	8.8	4
5			35	42	17	12	8.8	5
6			36	44	17	12	8.8	6
7			40	46	17	11	8.6	7
8			38	48	16	11	8.6	8
9			37	45	18	10	8.6	9
10			36	43	16	9.8	8.8	10
11		20*	33	39	16	9.8	8.8	11
12		20	34	37	16	9.7	8.6	12
13		19	38	36	16	9.7	8.6	13
14		19	38	38	16	8.7	8.5	14
15		19	42	38	16	9.6	8.5	15
16		19	42	36	16	9.5	8.4	16
17		18	41	35	16	9.5	8.4	17
18		18	38	34	16	9.3	8.4	18
19		17	38	32	15	9.3	8.4	19
20		17	36	31	15	9.3	8.4	20
21		18	35	30	15	9.2	8.4	21
22		18	34	28	15	9.2	8.4	22
23		19	33	27	15	9.2	8.1	23
24		19	34	26	15	9.2	8.1	24
25		19	35	24	15	9.0	8.1	25
26		19	36	23	14	9.0	8.8	26
27		20	39	22	14	9.0	9.2	27
28		23	43	21	14	8.9	9.2	28
29		23	44	20	14	8.9	9.0	29
30		23	43	19	14	8.8	8.8	30
31			45		14	8.8		31
Mean	19.3	36.6	34.3	34.3	15.3	10.1	8.6	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acre-Feet	768	2251	2041	842	822	511		Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

**TABLE 22**  
**COTTONWOOD CREEK BELOW LARKIN GARDEN DITCH**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1				20	1.4	0.5	0.4	1
2			11*	19	1.4	0.5	0.3	2
3			18	17	1.4	0.5	0.3	3
4			21	16	1.4	0.5	0.3	4
5			21	16	1.1	0.5	0.3	5
6			22	15	1.1	0.5	0.3	6
7			22	15	1.1	0.5	0.3	7
8			19	14	1.1	0.5	0.3	8
9			15	12	1.1	0.5	0.3	9
10			13	10	1.1	0.5	0.3	10
11			14	8.4	1.1	0.5	0.3	11
12			15	8.9	0.9	0.5	0.3	12
13			18	5.8	0.9	0.5	0.3	13
14			20	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.3	14
15			24	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	15
16			24	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	16
17			24	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	17
18			23	2.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	18
19			21	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	19
20			19	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	20
21			18	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	21
22			15	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	22
23			12	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	23
24			10	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	24
25			10	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	25
26			10	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.9	26
27			14	1.4	0.6	0.4	1.3	27
28			16	1.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	28
29			19	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	29
30			20	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.5	30
31			19	0.5	0.4			31
Mean	18.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acre-Feet		1037	417	53	28	25		Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

# NORTH FORK PIT RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 23  
DAVIS CREEK AT OLD FISH WHEEL

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			39	75	22	12	6.4	1
2			42	71	22	12	6.4	2
3			46	70	22	12	6.4	3
4			53	68	21	11	6.8	4
5			58	65	21	11	6.8	5
6			61	66	21	11	7.3	6
7			61	65	20	10	7.6	7
8			58	65	19	8.5	7.6	8
9			52	64	18	9.0	7.6	9
10			51	61	18	9.5	8.5	10
11			52	57	18	10	8.5	11
12			57	54	18	9.5	8.5	12
13			80	53	18	9.0	8.5	13
14			83	50	17	8.5	8.5	14
15			68	48	17	8.1	8.5	15
16			70	47	17	8.1	8.5	16
17			68	46	16	8.1	8.5	17
18			64	44	16	7.6	8.1	18
19			63	42	15	7.3	8.1	19
20		33*	62	39	14	6.8	8.1	20
21		31	58	33	14	6.8	7.6	21
22		31	56	31	14	6.4	7.3	22
23		31	55	30	13	6.4	7.3	23
24		32	55	29	13	6.0	7.3	24
25		32	56	28	13	6.0	7.3	25
26		33	59	27	13	6.0	12	26
27		34	63	23	13	6.0	12	27
28		36	68	22	13	6.0	8.2	28
29		37	70	24	13	6.4	6.0	29
30		37	74	23	13	6.4	6.0	30
31			77		12	6.4		31
Mean	55.4	59.5	47.5	16.6	8.3	7.9	7.9	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	728	3648	2817	1021	513	489		Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

TABLE 24  
LINVILLE CREEK AT OLD POWER HOUSE

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			2.4	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	1
2			2.4	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2
3			2.4	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	3
4			2.4	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	4
5			2.6	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	5
6			2.7	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	6
7			2.8	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	7
8			3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	8
9			3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	9
10			2.9	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	10
11			2.8	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	11
12			2.8	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	12
13			2.9	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	13
14			3.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	14
15			3.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	15
16			3.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	16
17			3.3	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	17
18			3.3	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	18
19			3.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	19
20		2.2*	3.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	20
21		2.2	2.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	21
22		2.2	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	22
23		2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	23
24		2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	24
25		2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	25
26		2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	26
27		2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	27
28		2.3	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	28
29		2.3	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	29
30		2.4	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	30
31			2.7		2.0	2.0		31
Mean	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	49	173	135	123	124	120		Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

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TABLE 25  
FRANKLIN CREEK ABOVE DIVERSIONS

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			12	14	4.3	4.2	3.2	1
2			13	14	4.2	4.1	3.2	2
3			14	13	4.2	3.9	3.2	3
4			16	12	3.9	3.9	3.3	4
5			17	12	4.6	3.9	3.4	5
6			17	11	4.8	3.8	3.3	6
7		12*	17	11	4.6	3.9	3.2	7
8		12	18	11	4.5	3.9	3.2	8
9		11	15	10	4.5	3.9	3.2	9
10		11	15	9.8	4.3	3.9	3.3	10
11		11	14	9.2	4.3	3.8	3.4	11
12		10	15	8.7	4.2	3.8	3.4	12
13		9.5	16	8.2	4.3	3.8	3.3	13
14		8.8	17	7.5	4.3	3.8	3.2	14
15		9.7	17	7.5	4.2	3.7	3.2	15
16		9.5	17	7.4	4.2	3.7	3.2	16
17		8.8	17	7.2	4.2	3.7	3.2	17
18		8.3	18	7.2	4.2	3.6	3.2	18
19		8.2	15	7.2	4.2	3.6	3.2	19
20		8.5	15	7.4	4.2	3.4	3.1	20
21		8.7	14	7.4	4.2	3.3	3.1	21
22		8.7	13	7.1	4.2	3.3	3.1	22
23		9.2	13	7.1	4.2	3.3	3.2	23
24		9.7	12	7.1	4.2	3.3	3.2	24
25		9.3	12	6.6	3.9	3.2	3.2	25
26		9.2	12	6.5	4.5	3.2	4.3	26
27		10	13	6.3	4.1	3.2	4.7	27
28		11	13	6.0	4.1	3.2	3.4	28
29		11	14	5.6	4.1	3.2	3.2	29
30		12	14	4.6	4.1	3.2	3.3	30
31			15		4.2	3.2		31
Mean		9.9	14.7	8.7	4.3	3.6	3.3	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	470		904	515	262	222	198	Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

TABLE 26  
JOSEPH CREEK BELOW COUCH CREEK

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			15	35	6.1	4.3	2.3	1
2			19	30	6.0	3.9	2.3	2
3			22	21	5.3	3.6	2.3	3
4			26	16	4.3	3.5	2.7	4
5			43	14	4.4	3.2	2.7	5
6			57	14	4.4	3.2	2.7	6
7		28*	59	14	4.4	3.1	2.5	7
8		26	51	14	4.3	3.1	2.5	8
9		22	41	12	4.3	3.1	2.5	9
10		18	26	11	4.3	3.1	2.6	10
11		18	24	10	4.3	3.1	2.6	11
12		15	25	9.1	4.1	3.1	2.6	12
13		15	37	9.1	4.0	3.2	2.2	13
14		21	47	8.9	4.0	3.1	2.0	14
15		33	49	8.9	3.6	3.1	2.0	15
16		33	58	8.8	3.9	3.1	2.0	16
17		17	83	8.5	4.3	3.2	2.0	17
18		18	41	8.3	4.3	3.2	2.0	18
19		15	33	7.8	4.3	3.1	2.2	19
20		14	37	7.8	4.3	3.1	2.2	20
21		14	25	7.7	4.2	3.1	2.0	21
22		14	21	7.7	4.0	2.9	1.9	22
23		14	18	7.7	4.0	2.8	2.0	23
24		17	17	7.5	4.0	2.7	2.2	24
25		16	18	7.2	3.6	2.6	2.2	25
26		14	25	7.1	3.5	2.6	3.2	26
27		14	35	7.0	4.0	2.6	4.3	27
28		17	47	6.8	4.3	2.6	3.1	28
29		17	52	6.4	4.4	2.6	3.0	29
30		16	52	6.3	4.4	2.3	2.8	30
31			41		4.3	2.2		31
Mean		16.5	46.3	11.3	4.3	3.0	2.6	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	88		2233	674	265	187	146	Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

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**TABLE 27**  
**NORTH FORK PIT RIVER BELOW THOMS CREEK**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			76	104	12	5.1	6.1	1
2			81	90	11	5.3	6.1	2
3			92	84	10	5.3	6.1	3
4			112	81	7.0	5.3	6.1	4
5			124	75	7.8	5.1	6.1	5
6		165*	129	77	7.8	4.8	6.1	6
7		160	129	104	7.0	4.8	6.1	7
8		152	148	130	7.0	4.6	6.1	8
9		148	121	88	7.0	4.4	6.1	9
10		148	115	78	7.0	4.4	6.1	10
11		148	110	74	7.0	4.6	6.1	11
12		148	110	68	7.0	4.6	6.1	12
13		148	110	60	6.8	4.6	6.1	13
14		148	117	43	6.8	4.8	6.3	14
15		148	121	35	6.5	4.8	6.5	15
16		148	124	33	6.1	4.8	6.7	16
17		124	146	31	5.9	5.1	6.8	17
18		119	129	29	5.3	5.1	6.8	18
19		110	115	26	5.0	5.5	7.1	19
20		83	152	23	4.5	5.5	7.3	20
21		81	148	22	4.3	5.5	7.5	21
22		81	119	19	4.3	5.7	7.5	22
23		80	102	18	4.3	5.7	7.5	23
24		80	93	19	4.3	5.9	7.5	24
25		76	84	18	4.1	5.9	7.5	25
26		76	83	18	4.1	5.9	7.8	26
27		72	81	16	4.3	5.8	22	27
28		80	83	15	4.5	5.9	13	28
29		76	88	14	4.5	5.9	10	29
30		76	88	13	4.7	5.9	8.3	30
31			103		4.6	6.1		31
Mean		115	111	50.2	6.2	5.3	7.5	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet		5702	6809	2985	382	323	447	Runoff in Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

**TABLE 28**  
**THOMS CREEK AT CEDARVILLE-ALTURAS HIGHWAY**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	May
1					2.8	1.2	0.3	1
2					2.8	1.2	0.3	2
3					2.6	1.0	0.3	3
4					2.5	0.8	0.2	4
5				12*	2.5	0.8	0.2	5
6				11	2.5	0.5	0.2	6
7				14	2.3	0.5	0.2	7
8				13	2.1	0.5	0.2	8
9				11	2.2	0.5	0.2	9
10				9.1	2.3	0.5	0.2	10
11				7.8	2.3	0.5	0.3	11
12				7.2	2.2	0.5	0.4	12
13				6.3	1.9	0.4	0.3	13
14				5.8	1.9	0.4	0.3	14
15				5.8	1.9	0.4	0.3	15
16				5.6	1.8	0.4	0.2	16
17				5.4	1.8	0.5	0.2	17
18				5.4	1.6	0.4	0.2	18
19				4.8	1.3	0.4	0.2	19
20				4.6	1.4	0.4	0.3	20
21				4.4	1.5	0.4	0.2	21
22				3.6	1.6	0.4	0.3	22
23				3.6	1.6	0.4	0.3	23
24				3.9	1.5	0.4	0.3	24
25				3.9	1.5	0.4	0.4	25
26				3.1	1.5	0.4	1.2	26
27				3.1	1.5	0.3	4.4	27
28				2.9	1.4	0.3	1.8	28
29				2.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	29
30				2.8	1.3	0.3	0.9	30
31					1.3	0.3		31
Mean				6.3	1.9	0.5	0.3	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet				323	116	31	31	Runoff in Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

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TABLE 29  
PARKER CREEK AT FOGARTY RANCH

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			56*	41	15	5.3	3.6	1
2			56	40	14	5.1	3.6	2
3			56	39	14	4.9	3.5	3
4			56	38	14	4.9	3.5	4
5			55	39	14	4.8	3.5	5
6			53	38	13	4.7	3.8	6
7			52	38	13	4.6	3.6	7
8			51	36	12	4.6	3.6	8
9			50	35	11	4.8	3.6	9
10			51	33	10	4.5	3.6	10
11			51	32	9.8	4.4	3.6	11
12			50	30	9.5	4.4	3.5	12
13			48	29	9.6	4.3	3.5	13
14			49	28	9.3	4.3	3.3	14
15			49	27	9.2	4.3	3.1	15
16			50	25	8.9	4.4	3.1	16
17			52	23	8.8	4.4	3.1	17
18			53	23	8.5	4.3	3.0	18
19			55	22	8.2	4.2	2.9	19
20			57	21	8.1	4.0	2.9	20
21			56	21	7.7	4.0	2.8	21
22			55	21	7.4	4.0	2.8	22
23			52	20	7.1	4.0	2.8	23
24			50	19	6.8	4.0	2.8	24
25			48	18	6.6	3.9	2.8**	25
26			47	18	6.5	3.9		26
27			45	17	6.0	3.9		27
28			44	16	5.8	3.9		28
29			43	16	5.6	3.9		29
30			42	16	5.5	3.7		30
31			42		5.4	3.6		31
Mean			50.8	27.2	9.4	4.3	3.2	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acres-Feet			3124	1620	578	265	162	Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record

TABLE 30  
SHIELDS CREEK BELOW PEPPERDINE RANCH

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			17*	9.8	5.2	2.2	2.1	1
2			16	9.6	5.2	2.2	2.1	2
3			17	9.5	5.1	2.1	2.1	3
4			19	9.3	5.0	2.0	2.0	4
5			20	9.1	5.0	2.0	2.1	5
6			19	9.0	5.1	2.0	2.0	6
7			18	8.6	6.0	2.0	2.0	7
8			18	8.7	4.9	2.0	1.9	8
9			17	8.5	4.8	2.0	1.8	9
10			16	8.3	4.7	2.1	1.8	10
11			17	8.3	4.6	2.2	1.9	11
12			16	8.1	4.6	2.0	1.9	12
13			16	8.0	4.6	2.0	1.9	13
14			16	8.0	4.5	1.9	2.0	14
15			15	7.8	4.2	2.0	2.0	15
16			14	7.7	4.0	2.2	2.1	16
17			16	7.5	4.0	2.3	2.1	17
18			16	7.3	4.0	2.1	2.2	18
19			14	7.2	3.8	2.1	2.3	19
20			14	7.0	3.7	2.1	2.1	20
21			15	6.8	3.5	2.1	2.2	21
22			15	6.6	3.3	2.0	2.2	22
23			15	6.3	3.2	2.0	2.1	23
24			14	6.2	3.0	2.1	2.0	24
25			13	6.0	2.8	2.1	1.9**	25
26			13	5.9	2.8	2.1		26
27			12	5.7	2.8	2.1		27
28			11	5.6	2.7	2.0		28
29			11	5.4	2.6	2.0		29
30			11	5.2	2.4	2.0		30
31			10		2.3	2.0		31
Mean			15.2	7.6	4.0	2.1	2.0	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acres-Feet			934	451	245	127	101	Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record

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TABLE 31  
PARKER CREEK ABOVE HIGHWAY 395 NEAR ALTURAS

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			53	22	10	1.2	1.0	1
2			55	19	10	1.0	1.0	2
3			56	18	9.4	1.0	1.0	3
4			81	14	6.4	1.0	1.0	4
5			62	13	4.5	0.9	1.1	5
6			64	11	4.5	0.9	1.1	6
7			62	25	4.5	1.0	1.1	7
8			60	27	3.0	1.1	1.1	8
9			55	15	4.8	1.1	1.1	9
10		68*	51	7.5	6.8	1.0	1.1	10
11		61	49	5.2	6.6	0.9	1.2	11
12		58	50	4.8	4.5	0.9	1.2	12
13		61	52	6.8	3.4	1.0	1.2	13
14		63	53	13	3.5	1.0	1.2	14
15		80	51	6.8	3.4	1.0	1.2	15
16		83	51	5.2	2.3	1.2	1.2	16
17		81	56	4.8	1.8	1.4	1.1	17
18		69	48	4.2	2.7	1.8	1.0	18
19		62	47	5.2	3.5	1.7	0.9	19
20		56	63	4.5	3.5	1.7	1.0	20
21		55	52	4.0	3.1	2.0	1.0	21
22		53	46	4.8	2.2	1.7	1.0	22
23		52	44	21	2.1	1.4	1.0	23
24		55	40	15	2.0	1.3	1.0	24
25		56	37	8.2	1.7	1.2	1.1	25
26		52	36	11	1.7	1.2	2.5	26
27		53	39	8.2	1.6	1.1	6.9	27
28		56	41	8.2	1.5	1.0	2.5	28
29		54	41	11	1.4	1.0	1.6	29
30		52	41	13	1.4	1.1	1.5	30
31			30		1.3	1.0		31
Mean		61.0	49.9	11.2	3.9	1.2	1.4	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acre-Feet		2539	3066	667	238	73	83	Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record



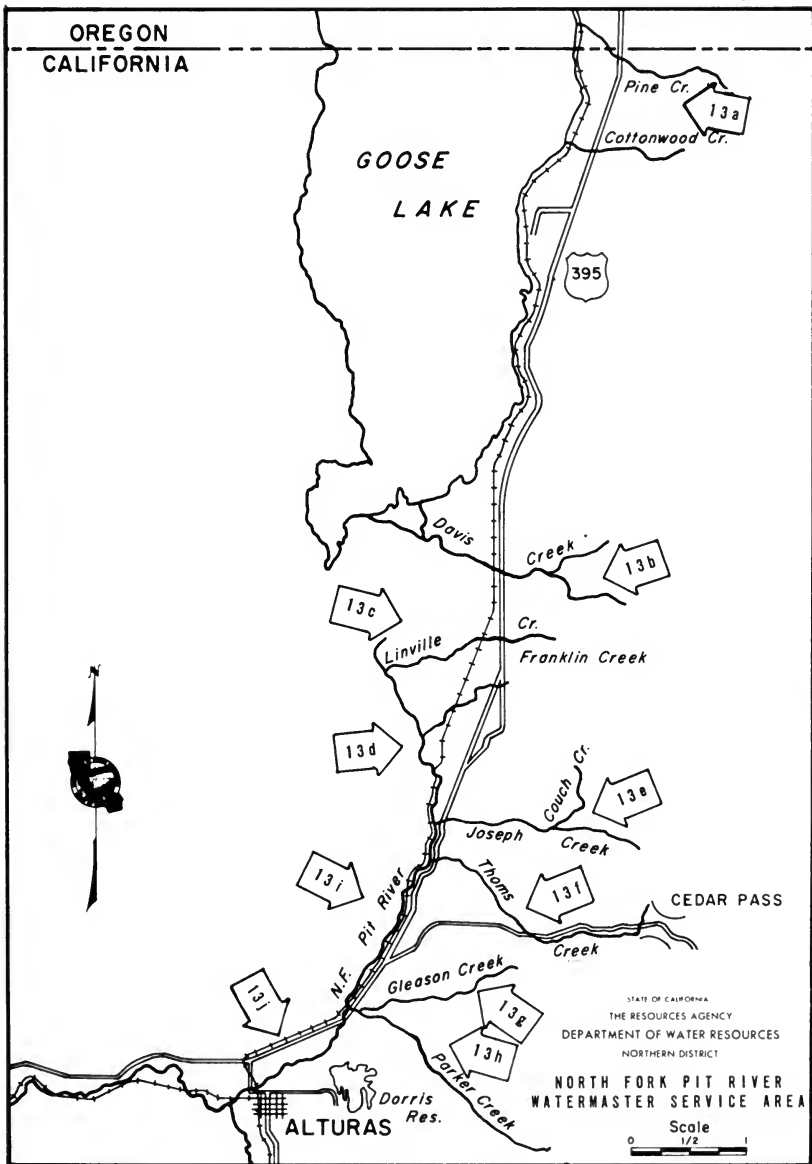
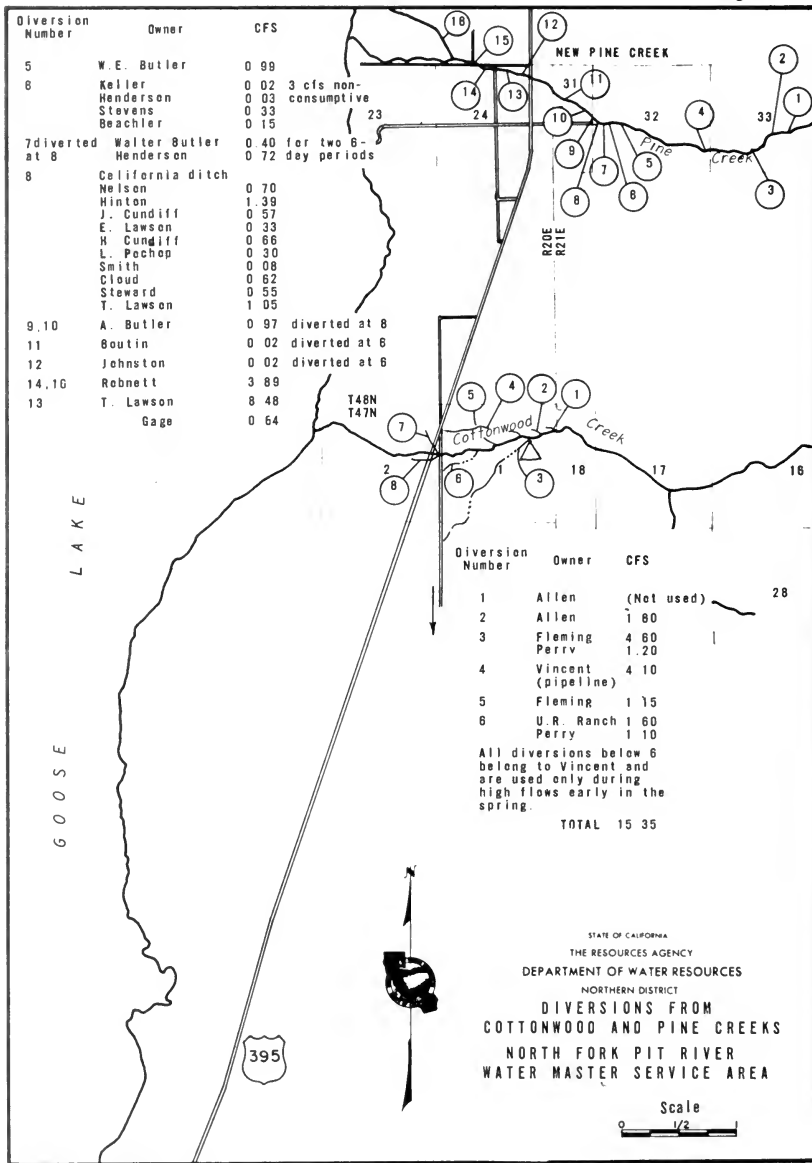
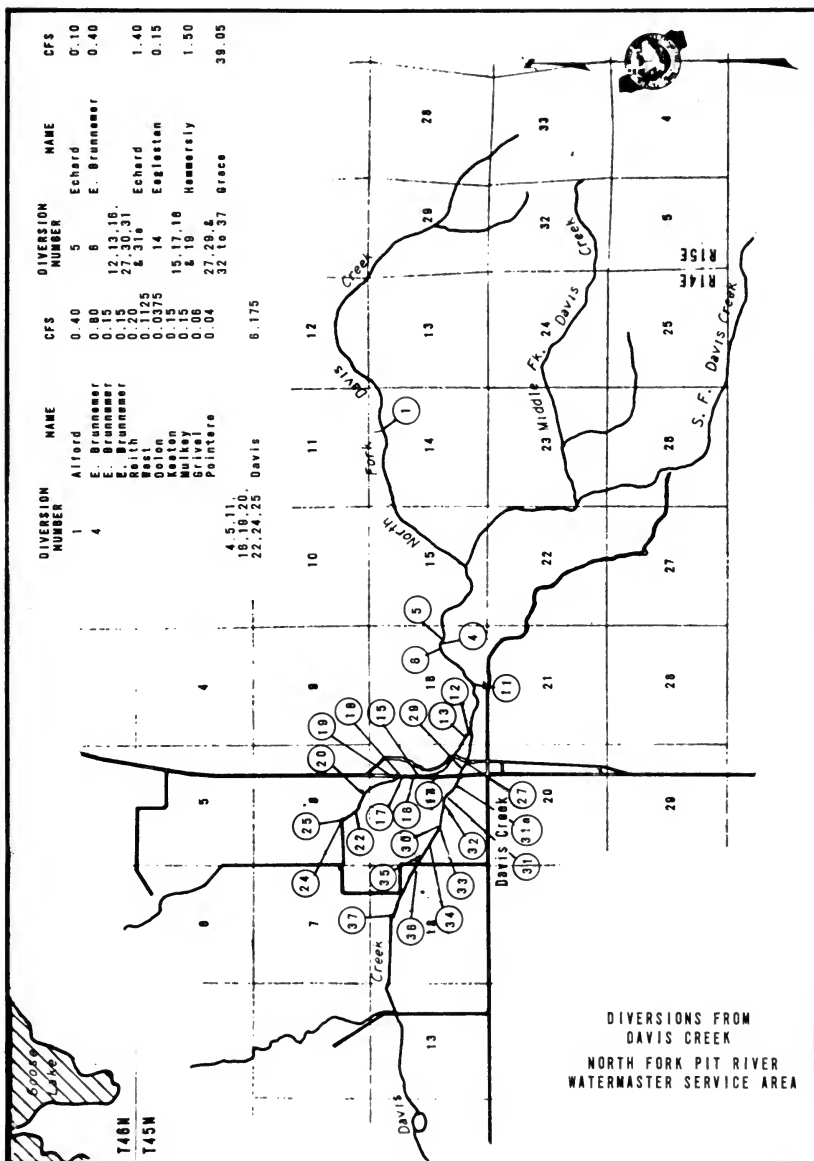
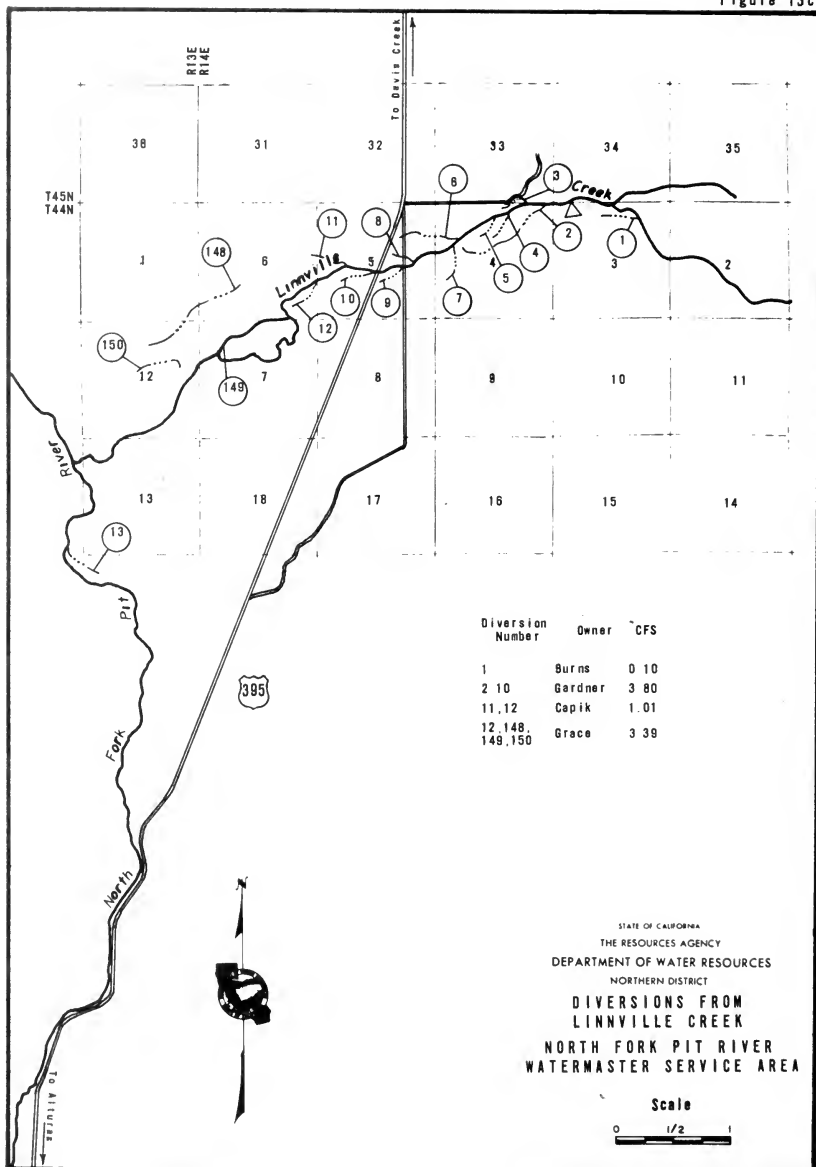


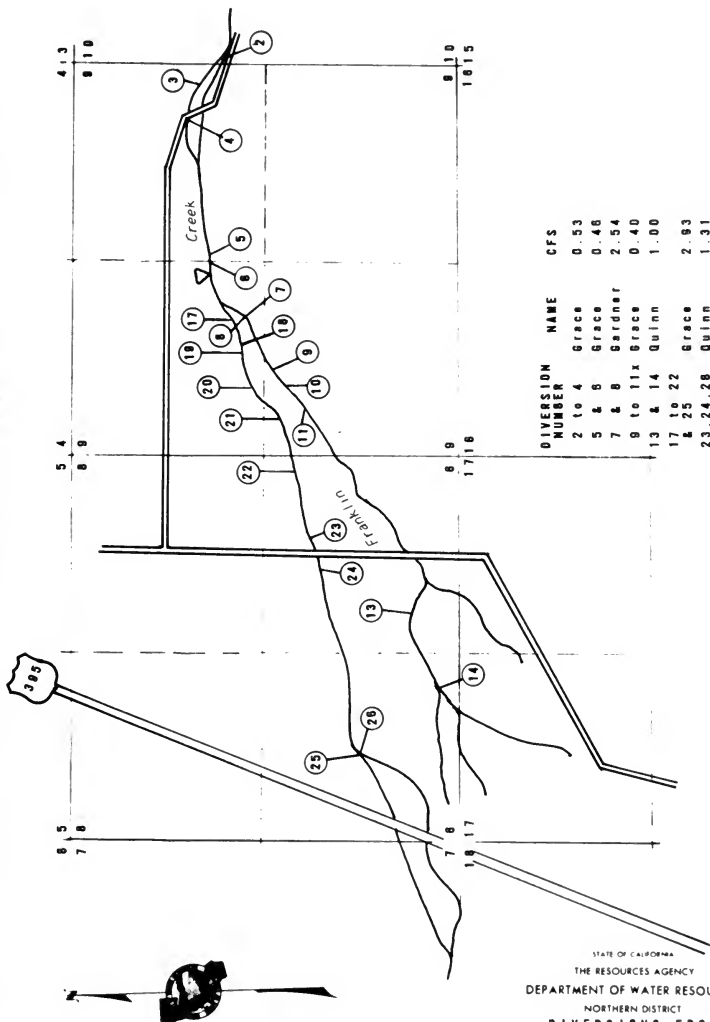
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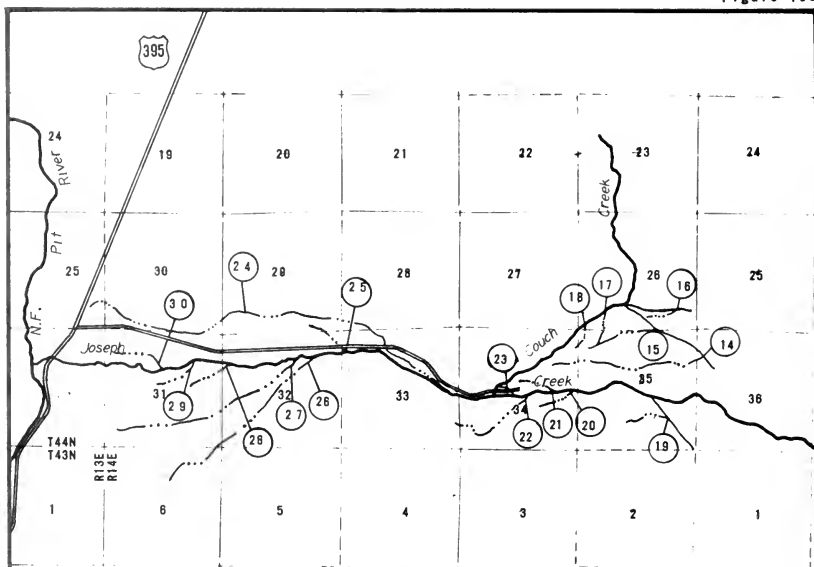


DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
2 to 4	Grace	0.53
5 & 6	Grace	0.46
7 & 8	Gardner	2.54
9 to 11x	Grace	0.40
13 & 14	Quinn	1.00
17 to 22	Grace	2.93
23, 24, 28	Quinn	1.31

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△ Recorder Station.

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Figure 13e



Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
14 to 18	U.S. Forest Service	1.15 (net consumptive use)
18	McQueen	
20 to 24	Rice	1.28 (net consumptive use)
22	Russell	0.40
24	Russell	0.50
24, 25	Franks	2.53
	Rice	0.87
26	U.S. Indian Service	
27 to 30	Franks	3.55
	TOTAL	11.88
	Watermaster Record Station	

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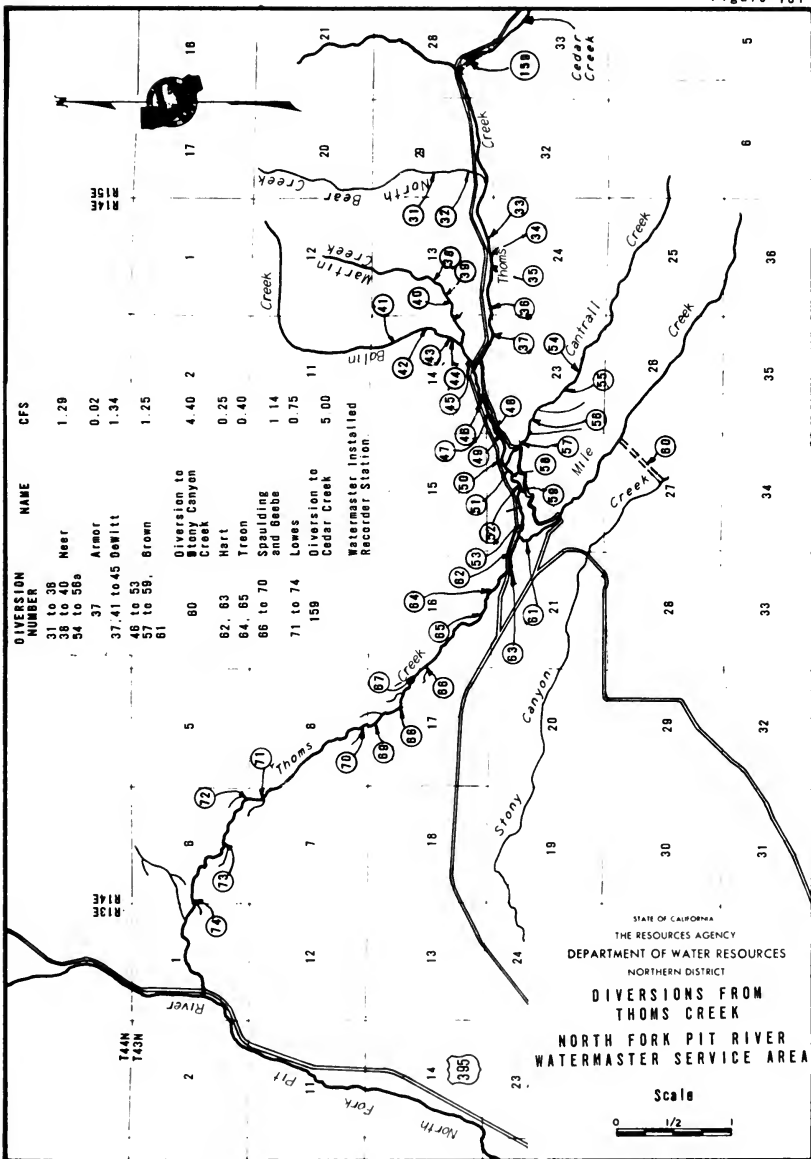
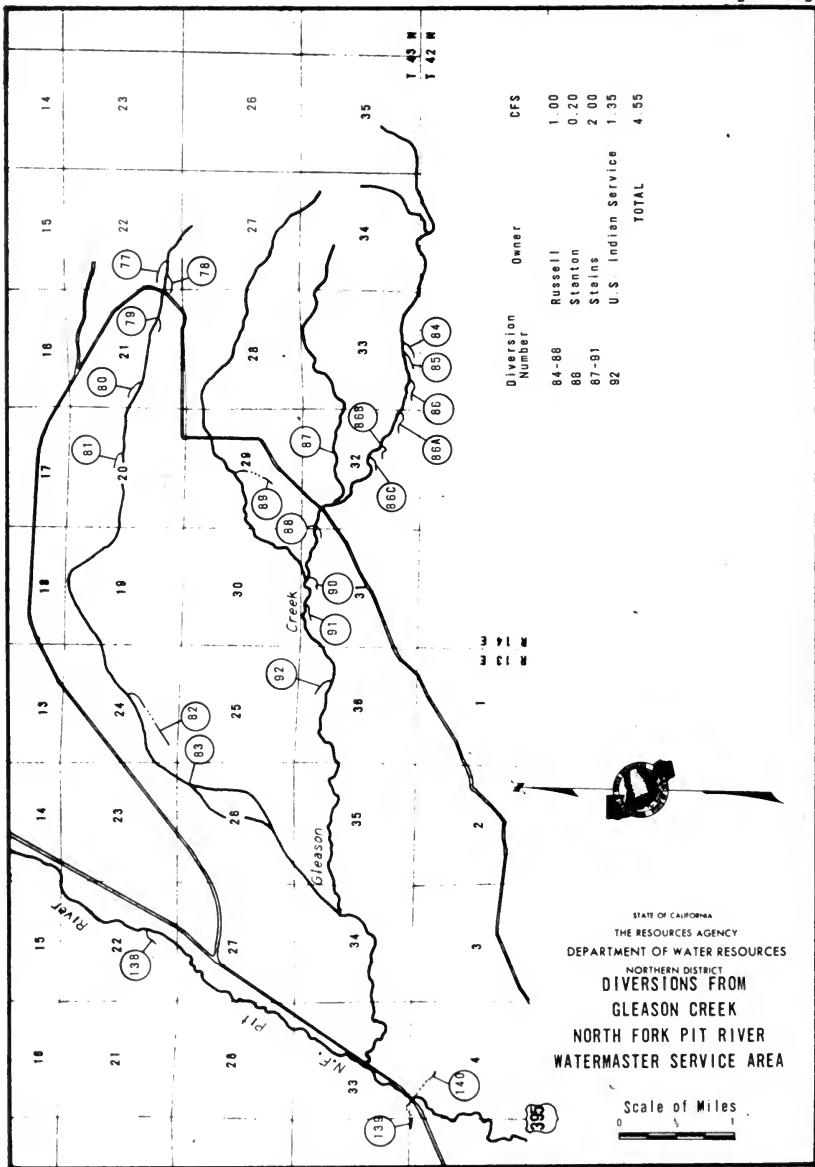
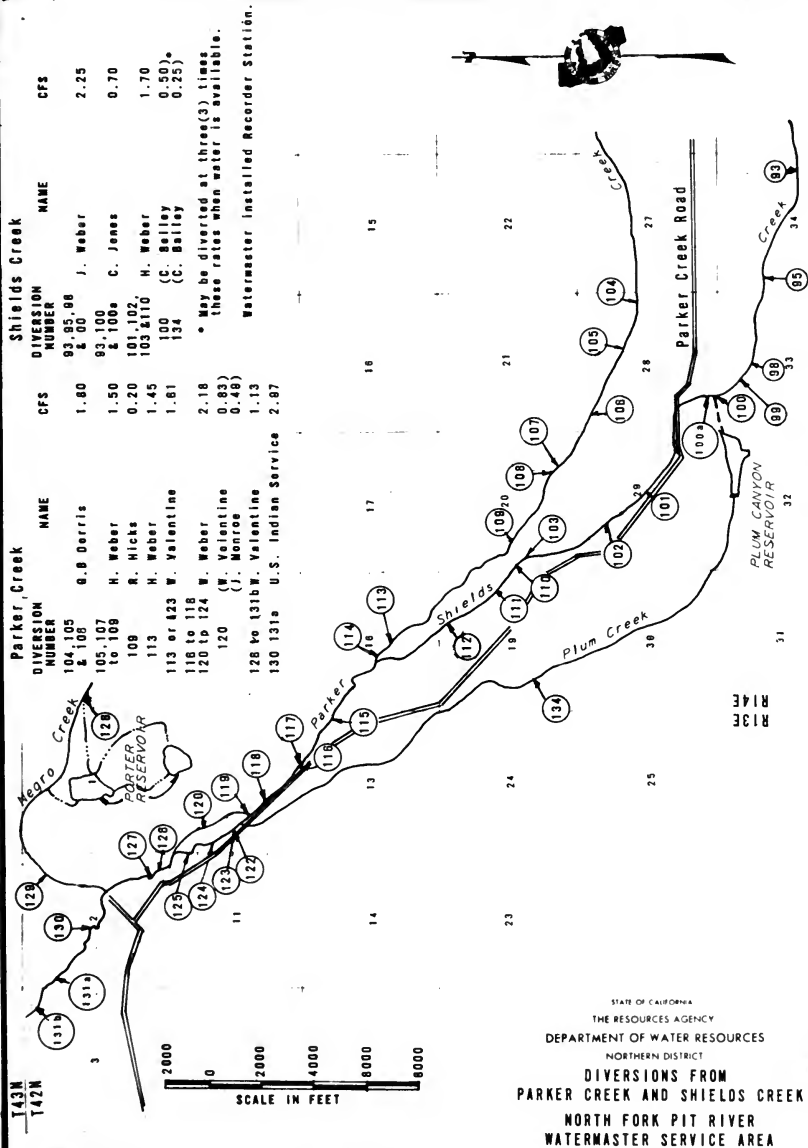


Figure 13g







DIVERSION  
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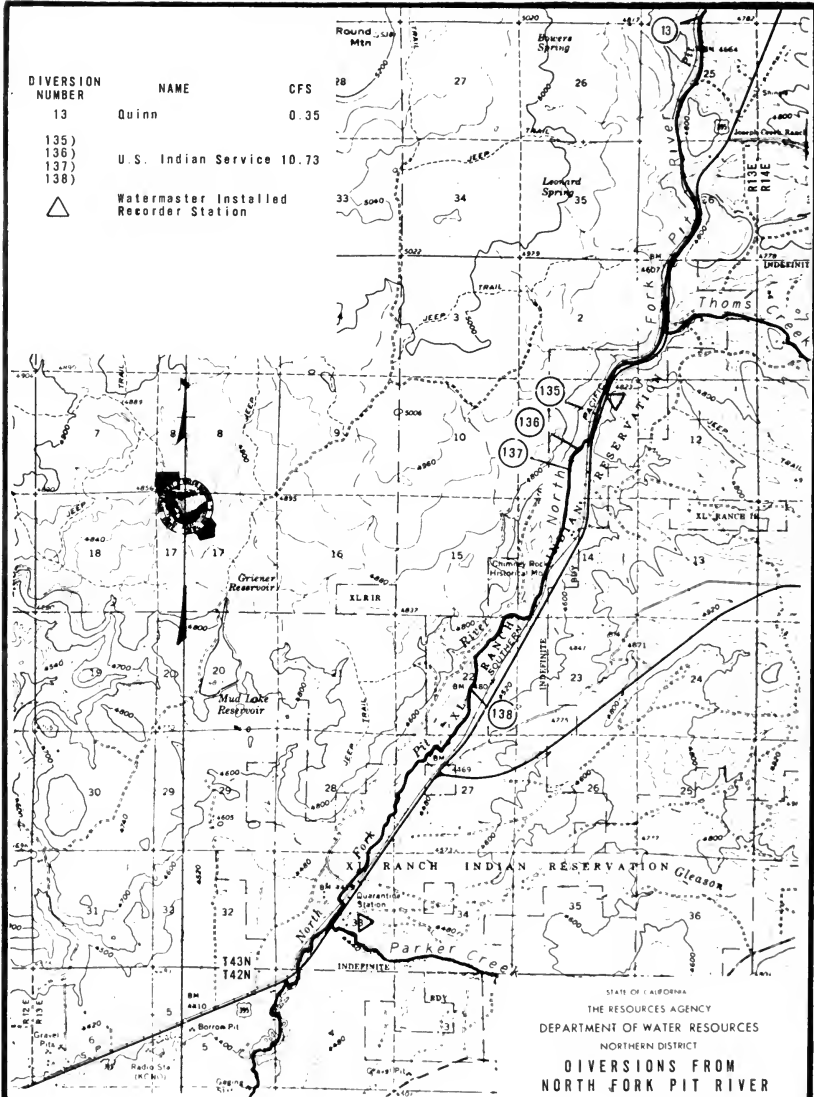
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DIVERSIONS FROM  
NORTH FORK PIT RIVER  
ABOVE PARKER CREEK  
NORTH FORK PIT RIVER  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

**DIVERSION**

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
139 or 140	Fitch	4 84
139	Schluter	8 35
	Heesch	3 50
	Tranmal	2 62
142	Schluter	4 00
	Baker	0 30
	Hicks	0 40
	Neer	0 16

△ Watermaster Installed Recorder Station  
△ Permanent Recorder Station (USGS-North Fork Pit River near Alturas)

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**NORTH FORK PIT RIVER  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**

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## Pine Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Pine Creek service area is located in southwestern Tehama County and northwestern Butte County, about 30 miles southeast of the City of Red Bluff.

Pine Creek originates on the western slopes of the Sierra-Nevada in the southeastern portion of Tehama County at an elevation of approximately 4,000 feet. The watershed consists mainly of a steep-walled canyon through which the stream flows in a southwesterly course for about 12 miles to the canyon mouth at the edge of the valley floor and upper limit of the service area. The stream then flows westerly about 5 miles to the crossing of State Route 99 at the lower end of the service area, and thence southerly to its junction with the Sacramento River west of Chico. An area of about 22.6 square miles is drained by Pine Creek before it reaches the valley floor.

A map of the Pine Creek stream system is presented in Figure 14, page 105.

### Basis of Service

The rights on this creek system were determined by a court reference set forth in Decree No. 7814, Tehama County Superior Court, dated March 13, 1957. The Pine Creek watermaster service area was created June 22, 1972, and service began for the first time on July 1, 1972.

There are seven water right owners in the service area with rights totaling 4.43 cubic feet per second. The decree establishes three priority classes.

### Water Supply

Precipitation is generally confined to fall, winter, and early spring months, with less than 10 percent of the total falling between May 1 and September 30.

On July 18, 1972, a streamflow measuring station was installed on Pine Creek above the uppermost active diversion from the stream. The daily mean discharge of Pine Creek above Diversion 2 is presented in Table 32, page 104.

### Method of Distribution

One water user pumps directly from the creek and uses a sprinkler system to irrigate his crops. The others divert water from Pine Creek by gravity and irrigate by contour flooding.

### 1972 Distribution

Kenneth Morgan, Water Resources Engineering Associate, was watermaster in the service area beginning July 1 and continuing until September 30.

The available water supply in Pine Creek served about 60 percent of the third priority allotment during July, August, and September. During the summer of 1972 several ranches were consolidated, which reduced the regulation of water required on Pine Creek. The Pine Creek watermaster service area will be inactive during 1973 as all of the water rights will be controlled by the Marion Ranch.

PINE CREEK WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 32  
PINE CREEK ABOVE DIVERSION NO. 2

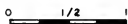
Day	:	March	:	April	:	May	:	June	:	July	:	August	:	September	:	Day
1												2.8		2.6		1
2												2.6		2.6		2
3												2.6		2.6		3
4												2.6		2.6		4
5												2.6		2.7		5
6												2.6		2.8		6
7												2.6		2.8		7
8												2.6		2.7		8
9												2.6		2.7		9
10												2.6		2.8		10
11												2.6		2.8		11
12												2.6		2.9		12
13												2.7		2.8		13
14												2.8		2.8		14
15												2.8		2.8		15
16												2.9		2.8		16
17												2.9		2.9		17
18										2.6*		2.9		2.9		18
19										2.6		2.8		3.0		19
20										2.6		2.8		3.0		20
21										2.6		2.8		2.8		21
22										2.6		2.7		2.9		22
23										2.6		2.7		2.9		23
24										2.6		2.7		2.9		24
25										2.6		2.6		3.0		25
26										2.6		2.6		3.1		26
27										2.6		2.7		3.4		27
28										2.6		2.7		3.1		28
29										2.6		2.7		3.0		29
30										2.6		2.6		3.0		30
31										2.6		2.6		2.9		31
-----																
Mean	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	Mean
Runoff in	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	Runoff in
Acre-Feet	:		:		:		:		:	72	:	165	:	170	:	Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

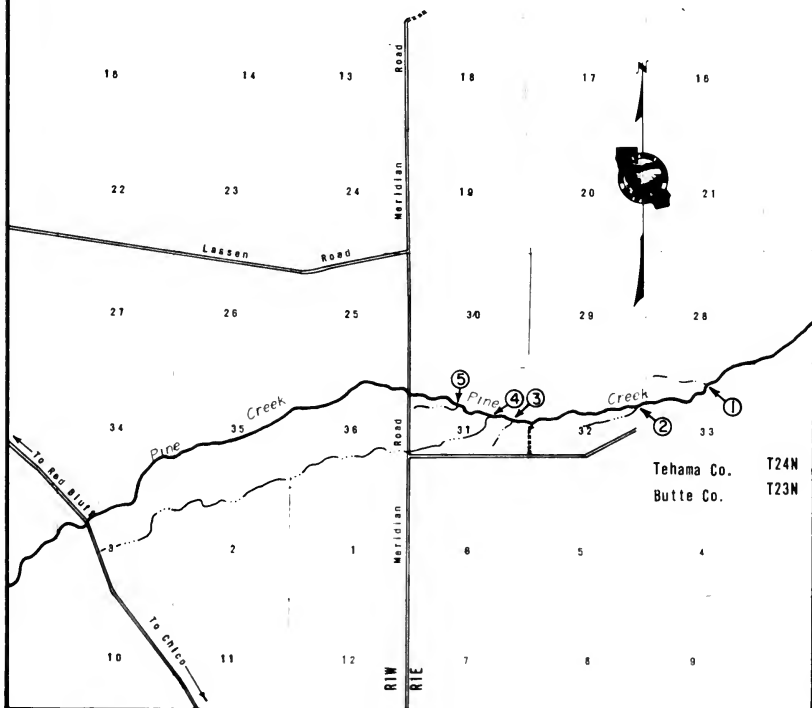
Diversion No. 1 not active in 1972

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
**DIVERSIONS FROM  
PINE CREEK**  
**PINE CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**

Scale



DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
1	Roney, Elwin A.	0.200
2	Campbell, Ralph F.	0.850
	McKee, Leonard C.	0.425
	Wurlitzer, Howard	0.425
3	Trout, Rachel R.	1.200
4	Marion, Elmer C.	0.800
	Shelton, John A.	0.530
5	(pump)	







## Shackleford Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Shackleford Creek service area is located in western Siskiyou County near the town of Fort Jones in Scott Valley. The major sources of water supply for this service area are Shackleford Creek, which flows through the central part of Quartz Valley, and its tributary, Mill Creek, which rises east of the headwaters of Shackleford Creek. Evans Creek, a small tributary to Mill Creek, enters from the south.

The service area encompasses the Quartz Valley region of Scott Valley and includes the entire agricultural area within the Shackleford Creek Basin. It is about 2 miles wide by 6 miles long with the main axis and drainage running from south to north. Elevations on the agricultural area range from about 3,100 feet at the south to about 2,650 feet at the confluence of Shackleford Creek and Scott River.

Maps of the Shackleford Creek stream system are presented as Figures 15 and 15a, pages 109 and 110.

### Basis of Service

The Shackleford Creek watermaster service area was created on November 6, 1950. Water is distributed under the provisions of a statutory adjudication which resulted in Decree No. 13775, Siskiyou County Superior Court, dated April 3, 1950.

The allotments are defined in four separate schedules. The Upper Shackleford Creek Group and Lower Shackleford Creek Group each have seven priority classes and the Upper Mill Creek Group and Lower Mill Creek Group each have three priority classes.

Along with these schedules of allotments during the irrigation season, the decree defines two storage rights upstream of all other diversions. This

stored water is released late in the irrigation season and commingled with the natural flow of Shackleford Creek for use by the owners.

There are presently 42 water users in the service area with allotments totaling 64.73 cfs.

### Water Supply

The water supply for Shackleford Creek is derived from snowmelt runoff, springs and seepage, and supplemental stored water released from Cliff Lake and Campbell Lake. These lakes are located near the headwaters of Shackleford Creek.

The watershed of the Shackleford Creek stream system contains about 31 square miles, located in the heavily forested, steep, mountainous terrain of the northeasterly slopes of the Salmon Mountains. It varies in elevation from about 7,000 feet along its west rim to about 3,000 feet at the foot of the slopes bordering Quartz Valley. Snowmelt runoff is normally sufficient to supply all demands until the middle of July. The supply then usually decreases until the first part of August when water is released from Cliff and Campbell Lakes to maintain sufficient flow for second priority allotments in the Shackleford ditch.

### Method of Distribution

Irrigation is accomplished primarily by wild flooding of permanent pasture and alfalfa fields. Water is distributed by ditches and laterals to the places of use. Shackleford ditch, the largest of these ditches, has a length of about 6 miles and a capacity of about 12 cubic feet per second.

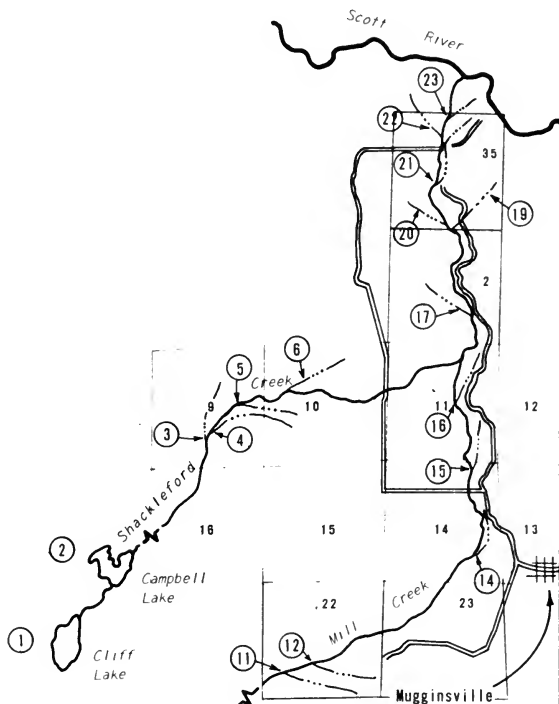
### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began June 1 in the Shackleford Creek service area and

continued until September 30, with George H. Pape, Associate Engineer, Water Resources, as watermaster.

The available water supply was about normal early in the season and somewhat below normal after August 1. The available supply was too low to supply fourth

priority water rights in late July, and, as flow continued to recede, third priorities had to be shut off in early August. After that there were only first and second priority allotments available through September in decreasing amounts.



Diversion  
Number

Owner

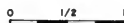
CFS

1	Cliff Lake	
2	Campbell Lake	
3	R. Eastlick ditch	3.5
4	Shackleford ditch	11.00
5	Howard-Jones ditch	5.20
6	Camp ditch	5.00
11	Eastlick ditch	10.82
12	Couch ditch	.62 out of 11 or 12
14	China ditch	1.40
15	Oangel ditch	0.50
18	Denny Bar ditch	0.50
17	Freita ditch	6.80
18	Hammond-Crawford-Lewis ditch	3.60 plus rights not in service area
20	Burton-Meanikes ditch	5.80
22	Burton W.	1.20 in either
23	Burton E.	22 or 23

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DIVERSIONS FROM  
SHACKLEFORD CREEK  
AND MILL CREEK  
SHACKLEFORD CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

Scale





## Shasta River Watermaster Service Area

The Shasta River service area is situated in the central part of Siskiyou County, south and east of the town of Yreka.

The source of water supply is Shasta River and its several tributaries. The upper reaches of the service area are served by two groups of tributaries. One group, comprising Boles, Beaughan, Carrick, and Jackson Creeks, rises on the northwestern slopes of Mount Shasta. The other group, consisting of Dale and Eddy Creeks, and Shasta River west of U. S. Highway 99, rises on the eastern slopes of the Trinity Mountains. All these streams join the main stem Shasta River above Dwinnell Reservoir near the town of Weed. As the Shasta River flows northward from Dwinnell Reservoir to its confluence with the Klamath River, north of Yreka, it is joined by three major tributaries. Parks Creek, rising on the eastern slopes of the Trinity Mountains, enters from the west near the town of Gazelle. Big Springs Creek, from Big Springs Lake, enters from the east about a mile below Parks Creek. Little Shasta River, rising on the western slopes of the mountainous area between Butte Valley and Shasta Valley, enters from the east near the town of Montague.

The place of use is in Shasta Valley which is approximately 30 miles long and 30 miles wide. The valley has numerous small, coneshaped, volcanic hills scattered throughout its central portion that produce the effect of dividing the area into a number of distinctively separate parts. Because of these formations only about 141,000 acres of the approximately 507,000 acres within the valley are irrigable. The valley floor elevation averages approximately 3,000 feet.

Maps of the major stream systems in the Shasta River service area are presented

as Figures 16 through 161, pages 119 through 128.

### Basis of Service

The Shasta River watermaster service area was created on March 1, 1933. The appropriative water rights on this stream system were determined by a statutory adjudication which resulted in Decree No. 7035, Siskiyou County Superior Court, dated December 29, 1932.

The decree describes the water rights of the entire stream system in alphabetical order of users. The rights supervised by the watermaster are broken down into eight separate schedules. These are: Shasta River above its confluence with Big Springs Creek, 43 priorities; Boles Creek, 20 priorities; Beaughan Creek, 5 priorities; Jackson Creek, 7 priorities; Carrick Creek, 13 priorities; Parks Creek, 25 priorities; Shasta River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek and Big Springs Creek and tributaries, 29 priorities; and Little Shasta River, 7 priorities. Additional schedules include Willow Creek, Yreka Creek, and miscellaneous independent springs, gulches sloughs, but these are not included in the service area.

By agreement with the Montague Water Conservation District, owner of Dwinnell Reservoir, five water users immediately below the reservoir receive a fixed annual allotment of water from storage in lieu of their decreed continuous flow allotments which would be based upon the available natural flow.

A peculiarity of the Shasta River decree is that it defines only appropriative rights and excludes a number of riparian users on the lower Shasta River. Owners of these rights are not subject to watermaster supervision.

causing considerable distribution problems during seasons of short water supply.

There are presently 110 water users in the service area with allotments totaling 602.322 cubic feet per second.

### Water Supply

The water supply for Shasta Valley is derived from snowmelt runoff, springs and underground flow, and occasional summer thundershowers. In several portions of the stream system the springs from underground flow are adequate to supply most allotments throughout the season. Much of the underground flow is derived from the northern slopes of Mount Shasta, which rises to an elevation of 14,162 feet at the south end of Shasta Valley. Although the snowpack on Mount Shasta is usually heavy, there is negligible surface runoff.

Parks Creek, Upper Shasta River, and Little Shasta River derive a major portion of their water supply from snowmelt runoff. This flow is usually adequate to supply all allotments until the middle of May.

Beaughan Creek, Carrick Creek, Shasta River from Boles Creek to Dwinell Reservoir, Big Springs, and Lower Shasta River have enough runoff from springs to supply a large percentage of the allotments throughout the season.

Records of the daily mean discharge at several stream gaging stations in the Shasta River service area are presented in Tables 33, 34, 36-39, pages 115, 117 and 118. The daily mean storage in Dwinell Reservoir is presented in Table 35, page 116.

### Method of Distribution

Irrigation of permanent pasture and alfalfa lands is accomplished principally by wild flooding. Much of the return water is recaptured and used on lower pasture lands. Sprinkling systems are used for irrigating some alfalfa and grain lands.

Water is diverted primarily by diversion dams and then conveyed by ditch or canal to the place of use. The largest and longest canal in the area is the Edson-Foulke Yreka ditch, which has a capacity of about 60 cubic feet per second and a length of about 14 miles. Water is also supplied into ditch systems by pumped diversions, the three largest belonging to two irrigation districts and a private water users association. Some riparian lands are also served by pump diversions.

Many privately owned storage reservoirs exist in the area. Water storage from these reservoirs is used to supplement continuous-flow allotments.

Because of their large rights, close surveillance of two public agencies, Grenada and Big Springs Irrigation Districts, and the privately operated Shasta River Water Users Association, is very important, particularly in dry years. Control of releases from Montague Water Conservation District's Dwinell Reservoir (Lake Shastina) is another responsibility of the watermaster. This includes measurement of deliveries of stored water to users just below the dam.

### 1972 Distribution

George H. Pape, Associate Engineer, Water Resources, was watermaster in the Shasta River service area from April 2 through September 30.

The available water supply in the service area was generally below average during the season.

**Parks Creek.** The flow in Parks Creek was sufficient to supply all allotments (25 priorities) until early June. Some water continued to be diverted into the Yreka ditch until mid-July. The first priority allotments of 6 cubic feet per second were available until mid-August, after which time first priority allotments were met in decreasing amounts for the remainder of the season. Water users downstream from the lowest first

priority diversion received a portion of their allotments during the latter part of the season from return flow and from water rising in the gravel stream-bed.

**Upper Shasta River.** During early spring, enough water was available to satisfy all allotments (eight priorities). As the flow decreased, the following levels of priority allotments were met: August 2 - all of fourth priority; August 17 - all of third priority (Yreka ditch main allotment); and September 5 (the seasonal low) - 20 percent of third priority.

**Shasta River from Boles Creek to Dwinnell Reservoir.** Boles Creek and Shasta River were operated as one stream, under a long-standing oral agreement among the water right owners. The water is distributed on a correlative, equal-priority basis. Adequate water was available to satisfy all allotments until early August. All diversions were then cut to 70 percent. In late September the flow increased to again allow diversion of 100 percent of allotments.

**Beaughan Creek.** The flow of Beaughan Creek was sufficient to satisfy most demands (five priorities) for the entire season. The creek is routed through a mill pond owned by the International Paper Company which uses approximately 35 percent of the flow for industrial purposes.

**Carrick Creek.** The water supply in Carrick Creek was adequate to satisfy all allotments (13 priorities) during the entire irrigation season.

**Little Shasta River.** Enough water was available in Little Shasta River to satisfy all fifth priority allotments (seven priorities) until mid-July, at which time full regulation became necessary to adequately distribute this priority. The flow continued to decrease to approximately 20 percent of the fourth priority allotments by late

August. It then stayed constant for the remainder of the season.

The daily mean discharge of Little Shasta River near Montague is presented in Table 37, page 117. This runoff is augmented by rising water along the river channel, and by substantial inflow from Cleland Springs, a tributary approximately 2 miles below the stream gaging station. Therefore, considerable more water was available for distribution at downstream diversion points than is reported in the discharge table.

**Dwinnell Reservoir.** Releases from Dwinnell Reservoir to Montague Water Conservation District commenced on April 17 and continued into October. Reservoir operation data from the 1972 season are shown in Tables 35 and 36, pages 116 and 117.

By agreement with the Montague Water Conservation District, water users on Shasta River below Dwinnell Reservoir received stored water from the reservoir on demand in lieu of their natural flow rights. The agreement allotment totals and the amount delivered to each user this season are shown in the tabulation on the following page.

**Big Springs.** The flow of Big Springs was sufficient to satisfy approximately 50 percent of third priority allotments through the first half of the season. As usual during July, August, and September, the flow in Big Springs increased due to snowmelt from higher elevations on Mount Shasta, percolating into the ground and reappearing as surface flow at Big Springs Lake. As a result, Big Springs Irrigation District, a third priority water right owner, was able to pump its full allotment from late July through the remainder of the season.

**Lower Shasta River.** The water supply in Lower Shasta River was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (29 priorities) for the first half of the season. However, during the second half of the

season close regulation was necessary to satisfy the first priority water rights at the lower end of the river because

on numerous occasions the available flow was insufficient to supply all priorities.

DELIVERIES TO NATURAL FLOW WATER RIGHT OWNERS  
BELOW DWINNELL RESERVOIR - 1972

Name of Water Right Owner	Allotment in Acre-Feet	Allotment Delivered from Dwinnell Reservoir Acre-Feet : % of Allotment
Flying L Ranch	198	-0- -0-
Frank Ayers	464	464 100
J. N. Taylor	1,200	1,095 91.4
Lake Shastina Properties, Inc.		
Hole-in-the Ground Ranch	596	-0- -0-
Seldom Seen Ranch	<u>924</u>	<u>505</u> <u>54.7</u>
Totals	3,382	2,064 77.1



**SHASTA RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1872 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 33**  
**SHASTA RIVER AT EDGEWOOD**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	209	85	37	81	17	5.5	7.9	1
2	425	95	37	76	17	8.2	8.9	2
3	648	95	33	73	14	5.5	8.9	3
4	388	104	36	68	14	4.9	8.9	4
5	319	280	43	62	14	4.4	8.9	5
6	260	198	48	62	11	4.4	9.9	6
7	232	141	53	68	11	4.0	9.9	7
8	212	121	50	73	11	4.0	9.9	8
9	220	108	43	93	9.9	4.0	11	9
10	222	99	39	97	9.9	4.0	13	10
11	208	104	38	60	8.9	4.4	13	11
12	195	104	36	46	8.9	4.4	13	12
13	212	93	46	38	8.9	4.4	15	13
14	182	88	60	35	8.9	4.4	15	14
15	163	85	71	32	8.9	4.9	15	15
16	183	85	60	35	7.9	3.7	16	16
17	178	74	64	30	9.9	3.7	15	17
18	175	65	55	27	9.9	3.7	17	18
19	147	60	50	27	6.2	3.9	17	19
20	129	57	104	30	6.3	4.1	17	20
21	119	53	78	27	6.4	4.3	19	21
22	228	48	58	26	6.5	4.5	19	22
23	153	40	48	25	6.6	4.7	19	23
24	133	45	48	22	6.7	4.9	22	24
25	121	38	48	22	6.8	5.2	22	25
26	110	36	55	20	6.9	5.5	22	26
27	101	35	68	19	7.0	5.5	20	27
28	92	37	80	19	7.0	5.5	20	28
29	86	37	85	19	5.5	7.0	19	29
30	83	36	85	18	5.5	7.0	19	30
31	80		88		5.5	7.0		31
Mean	200	84.9	56.3	44.3	9.2	4.8	16.0	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	12280	5050	3260	2640	563	297	895	Runoff in Acre-Feet

**TABLE 34**  
**PARKS CREEK ABOVE EASON-FOULKE YREKA DITCH**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1					9.8	6.2	4.2	1
2					9.7	6.1	4.2	2
3					9.7	6.1	4.0	3
4					9.7	6.0	3.9	4
5					9.6	6.0	3.9	5
6					9.7	5.8	3.9	6
7					9.6	5.8	3.9	7
8					9.6	5.7	3.7	8
9					9.5	5.8	3.6	9
10					9.5	5.8	3.6	10
11					9.3	5.8	3.6	11
12				12*	9.3	5.7	3.6	12
13				12	9.3	5.7	3.5	13
14				11	9.1	5.7	3.4	14
15				12	8.9	5.7	3.4	15
16				14	8.7	5.7	3.4	16
17				14	8.7	5.4	3.4	17
18				13	8.5	5.6	3.3	18
19				12	8.1	5.6	3.2	19
20				11	8.1	5.4	3.1	20
21				11	7.6	5.4	3.1	21
22				12	7.6	5.3	3.1	22
23				10	7.2	5.3	3.1**	23
24				11	7.1	5.3		24
25				10	6.8	4.9		25
26				10	6.9	4.9		26
27				11	6.9	4.6		27
28				11	6.6	4.5		28
29				10	6.4	4.3		29
30				9.8	6.4	4.3		30
31					6.2	4.3		31
Mean				11.4	6.4	5.4	3.6	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet				430	516	335	163	Runoff in Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record

SHASTA RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA  
October 1, 1971 through September 30, 1972 (in acre-feet)

TABLE 35  
DAILY MEAN STORAGE IN DWINNELL RESERVOIR

Day	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Day
1	22,480	21,570	23,790	27,050	33,480	37,730	46,870	45,520	40,790	35,100	26,570	20,240	1
2	22,440	21,570	23,950	27,125	33,550	38,240	46,960	45,290	40,620	34,840	26,300	20,040	2
3	22,410	21,580	24,130	27,200	33,650	39,570	47,000	44,980	40,500	34,430	26,020	19,890	3
4	22,340	21,600	24,180	27,200	33,720	40,450	47,090	44,690	40,370	34,160	25,780	19,750	4
5	22,270	21,650	24,290	27,280	33,820	41,060	47,360	44,440	40,260	33,870	25,550	19,630	5
6	22,140	21,700	24,430	27,320	33,920	41,590	47,770	44,170	40,090	33,570	25,330	19,480	6
7	22,060	21,710	24,560	27,350	33,990	41,860	47,910	43,970	39,940	33,240	25,100	19,340	7
8	21,980	21,780	24,650	27,430	34,070	42,220	48,080	43,720	39,890	32,920	24,880	19,200	8
9	21,860	21,850	24,740	27,460	34,110	42,610	48,130	43,450	39,790	32,640	24,590	19,080	9
10	21,770	21,990	24,860	27,500	34,210	42,950	48,260	43,200	39,820	32,320	24,380	18,950	10
11	21,680	22,030	24,880	27,520	34,280	43,200	48,310	43,000	39,690	32,060	24,140	18,810	11
12	21,570	22,050	24,960	27,610	34,310	43,540	48,360	42,830	39,580	31,840	23,930	18,660	12
13	21,490	22,270	25,030	27,820	34,400	43,820	48,400	42,610	39,360	31,600	23,690	18,520	13
14	21,430	22,370	25,100	27,950	34,450	44,120	48,450	42,410	39,140	31,300	23,490	18,380	14
15	21,420	22,420	25,190	28,040	34,520	44,370	48,490	42,240	38,900	31,040	23,260	18,240	15
16	21,430	22,480	25,240	28,130	34,590	44,620	48,510	42,080	38,700	30,720	23,120	18,140	16
17	21,430	22,550	25,270	28,190	34,660	44,890	48,470	41,980	38,500	30,480	22,800	17,990	17
18	21,430	22,610	25,330	28,340	34,710	45,160	48,310	41,900	38,260	30,160	22,620	17,870	18
19	21,400	22,660	25,370	28,640	34,840	45,340	48,130	41,730	38,050	29,860	22,480	17,650	19
20	21,360	22,720	25,400	28,710	34,910	45,520	47,950	41,770	37,810	29,580	22,280	17,510	20
21	21,360	22,770	25,580	29,300	35,130	45,650	47,770	41,910	37,600	29,330	22,060	17,360	21
22	21,400	22,830	25,640	30,300	35,180	46,010	47,590	41,900	37,270	29,080	21,920	17,250	22
23	21,420	22,900	25,780	31,840	35,350	46,330	47,430	41,850	37,100	28,850	21,720	17,120	23
24	21,460	22,970	25,960	32,290	35,520	46,510	47,390	41,760	36,880	28,630	21,580	17,040	24
25	21,470	23,000	26,380	32,510	35,610	46,600	46,960	41,620	36,710	28,330	21,440	16,910	25
26	21,490	23,150	26,580	32,720	35,760	46,680	46,740	41,470	36,500	28,100	21,300	16,880	26
27	21,500	23,290	26,680	32,820	35,930	46,740	46,510	41,330	36,290	27,820	21,140	16,870	27
28	21,500	23,520	26,750	33,070	36,370	46,780	46,260	41,200	35,980	27,580	20,930	16,830	28
29	21,500	23,590	26,830	33,120	37,240	46,800	45,970	41,100	35,690	27,320	20,790	16,770	29
30	21,510	23,710	26,900	33,310		46,820	45,790	41,010	35,390	27,080	20,620	16,730	30
31	21,540		26,980	33,400		46,850		40,910		26,810	20,440		31

**SHASTA RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 38**  
**OWINNELL RESERVOIR**

Day	: April	: May	: June	: July	: August	: September	: October	: Day
1		77	75	79	78	55	11	1
2		79	79	80	80	54	11	2
3		79	79	86	80	51	14	3
4		75	77	85	80	47	10	4
5		75	74	82	79	47	16	5
6		75	75	81	71	43	21	6
7		77	68	84	71	39	20	7
8		83	61	89	71	38	23	8
9		82	61	89	74	35	28	9
10		82	53	89	74	34	30	10
11		83	49	88	71	38	16**	11
12		83	56	80	68	38		12
13		83	63	76	68	38		13
14		83	69	77	68	39		14
15		83	77	79	68	39		15
16		82	73	82	67	38		16
17	23*	77	71	84	64	39		17
18	45	76	71	84	57	41		18
19	45	73	71	82	56	48		19
20	56	65	73	82	51	47		20
21	58	51	71	79	52	47		21
22	61	42	71	75	51	41		22
23	61	42	71	72	51	35		23
24	60	42	70	70	50	30		24
25	60	48	56	73	45	30		25
26	65	61	53	83	43	17		26
27	72	60	61	82	48	11		27
28	72	68	71	79	55	12		28
29	77	67	76	78	51	11		29
30	77	67	79	78	49	11		30
31		67		78	52			31
Mean	52.3	70.5	68.5	80.9	62.7	36.4	16.2	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	1650	4340	4070	4970	3850	2170	397	Runoff in Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

\*\* End of Record

**TABLE 37**  
**LITTLE SHASTA RIVER NEAR MONTAGUE**

Day	: March	: April	: May	: June	: July	: August	: September	: Day
1	170	74	58	57	22	13	8.5	1
2	224	118	62	55	21	12	8.4	2
3	300	92	66	53	20	12	8.8	3
4	250	85	73	51	20	12	9.2	4
5	209	89	80	50	19	12	10	5
6	165	82	81	49	19	11	9.6	6
7	161	75	79	48	18	11	8.6	7
8	140	74	76	47	18	11	8.2	8
9	131	68	74	51	18	11	8.1	9
10	125	64	75	51	17	11	8.5	10
11	120	68	76	48	17	11	8.5	11
12	115	62	79	44	16	10	8.5	12
13	110	66	82	41	16	11	8.3	13
14	105	68	83	39	16	11	8.0	14
15	104	71	83	37	16	11	7.9	15
16	107	65	86	37	15	12	7.8	16
17	110	57	90	35	15	11	7.8	17
18	108	52	81	33	15	10	7.7	18
19	100	50	80	32	15	10	8.0	19
20	94	49	94	31	15	10	8.1	20
21	91	51	84	29	15	10	8.1	21
22	108	51	77	28	14	10	8.0	22
23	107	50	74	27	14	10	8.0	23
24	104	52	71	27	14	9.9	8.0	24
25	92	48	68	26	14	9.6	8.1	25
26	82	48	66	25	13	9.4	10	26
27	75	54	64	24	13	9.2	9.9	27
28	71	57	63	24	13	9.1	8.0	28
29	66	52	62	23	13	9.1	7.7	29
30	63	54	61	23	13	9.1	7.5	30
31	61		59		12	8.9		31
Mean	125	64.9	74.4	38.2	16.0	10.6	8.4	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	7672	3880	4576	2271	984	649	499	Runoff in Acre-Feet

**SHASTA RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 38

**SHASTA RIVER AT MONTAGUE-GRENADA HIGHWAY BRIDGE**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1								1
2								2
3								3
4								4
5								5
6								6
7								7
8								8
9								9
10								10
11								11
12								12
13								13
14								14
15								15
NO RECORD AVAILABLE FOR 1972 SEASON								
16								16
17								17
18								18
19								19
20								20
21								21
22								22
23								23
24								24
25								25
26								26
27								27
28								28
29								29
30								30
31								31
Mean								Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acres-Feet								Acres-Feet

TABLE 39

**SHASTA RIVER NEAR YREKA**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	699	305	92	120	29	18	30	1
2	1480	415	84	104	31	16	51	2
3	2280	418	83	83	47	16	42	3
4	1420	360	85	78	43	20	57	4
5	1080	343	94	77	30	22	64	5
6	843	367	93	69	25	20	54	6
7	725	360	118	77	30	22	44	7
8	637	331	152	85	32	30	38	8
9	579	315	143	79	25	31	36	9
10	543	293	119	130	32	33	39	10
11	543	266	99	149	24	34	51	11
12	520	283	99	140	29	34	45	12
13	512	291	96	124	24	28	48	13
14	485	284	98	117	23	23	55	14
15	459	260	105	90	17	26	62	15
16	432	248	100	81	18	82	64	16
17	428	216	111	80	21	78	82	17
18	428	192	126	77	16	45	69	18
19	402	181	122	72	16	49	78	19
20	381	147	134	64	15	40	78	20
21	360	142	302	60	21	40	88	21
22	406	136	300	55	23	33	126	22
23	547	112	252	54	23	27	135	23
24	490	105	198	50	21	39	135	24
25	419	126	188	51	37	42	132	25
26	385	125	168	45	32	42	135	26
27	360	97	154	45	42	28	183	27
28	347	85	142	44	36	26	149	28
29	335	88	124	38	29	21	137	29
30	309	82	129	32	28	20	143	30
31	297		126		29	23		31
Mean	616	232	137	79.0	27.3	32.5	60.9	Mean
Runoff In	37910	13830	8390	4700	1680	2000	4820	Runoff In
Acres-Feet								Acres-Feet

Figure 18

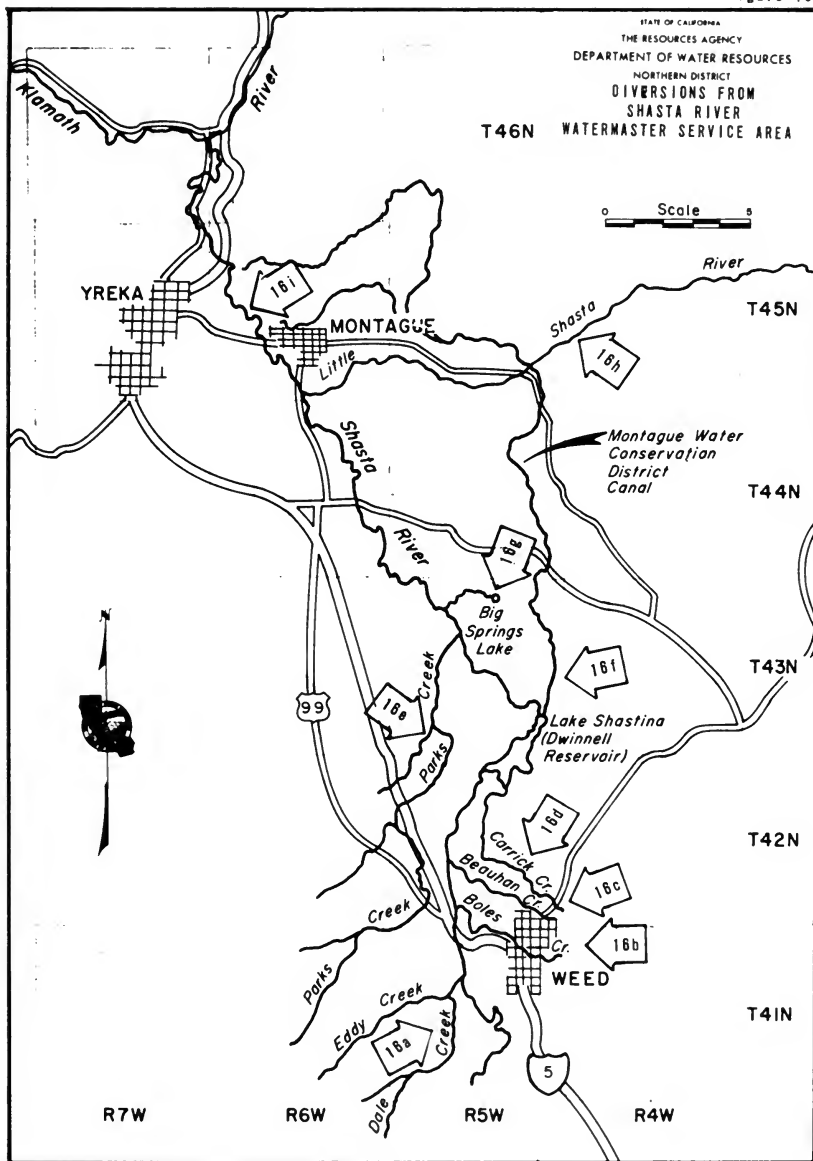
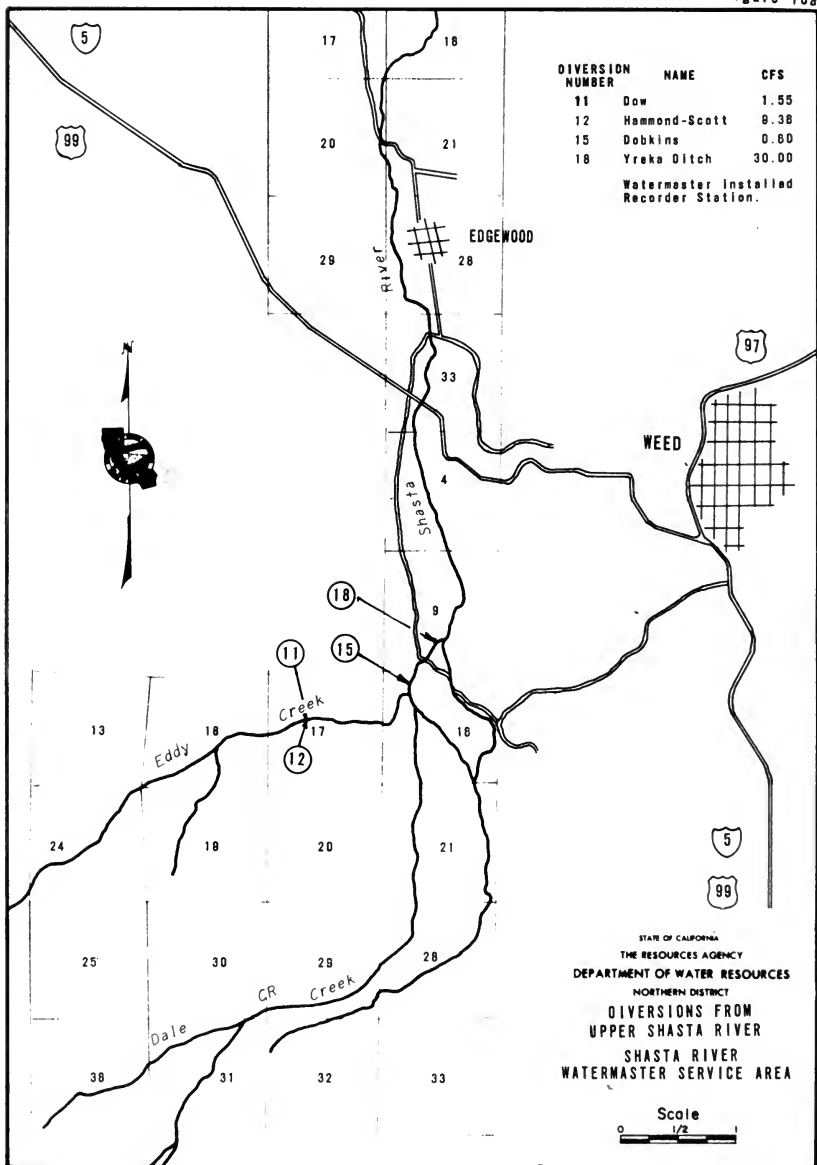
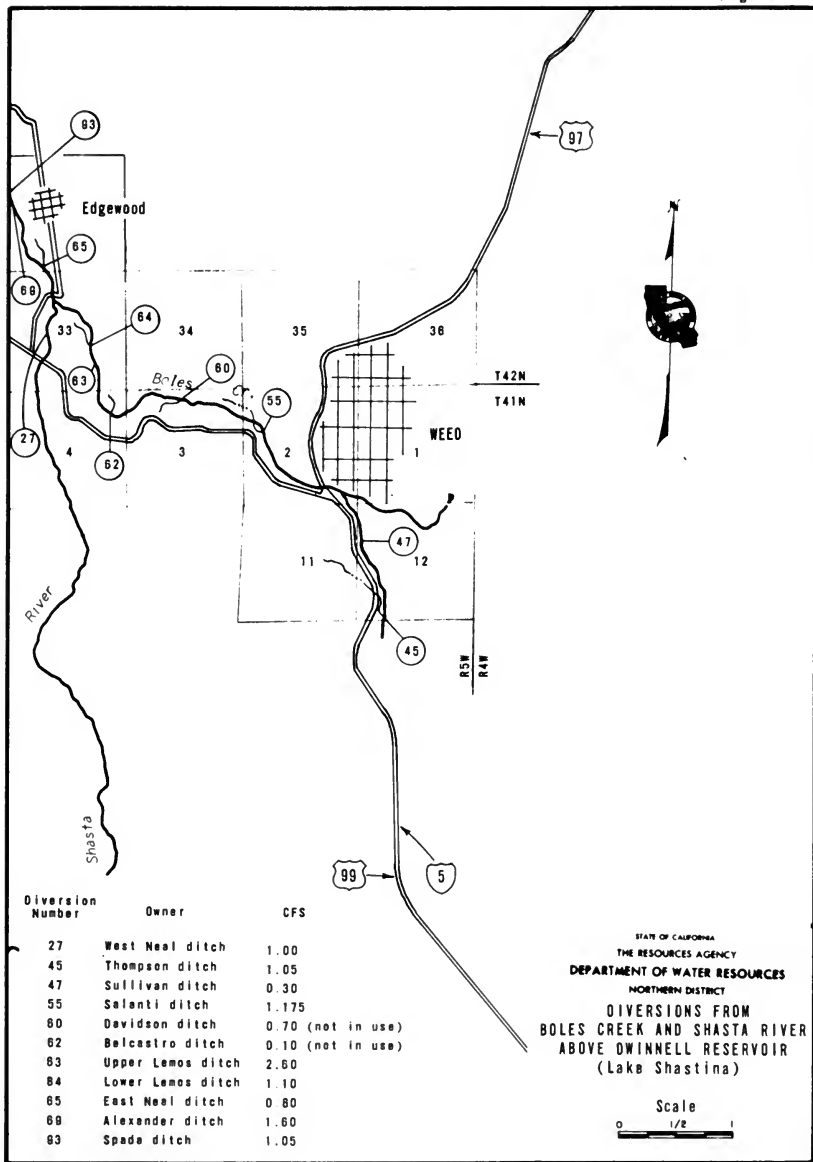
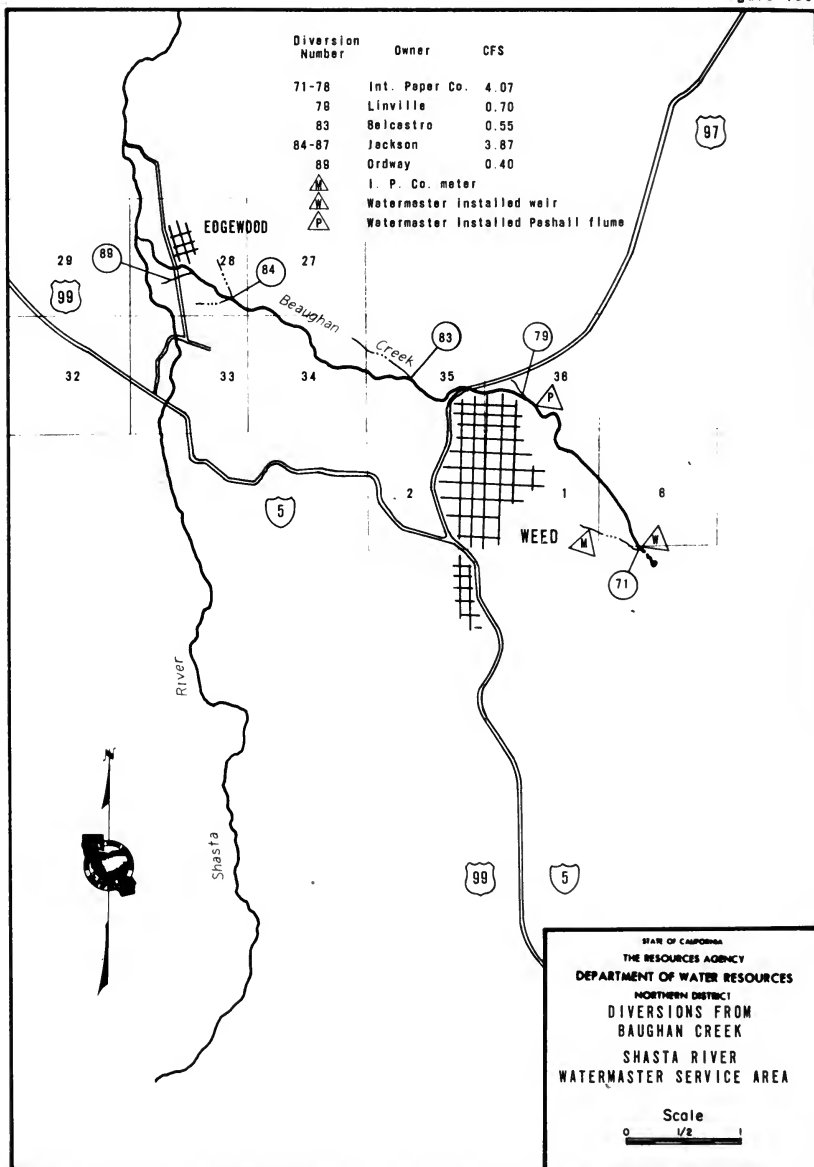


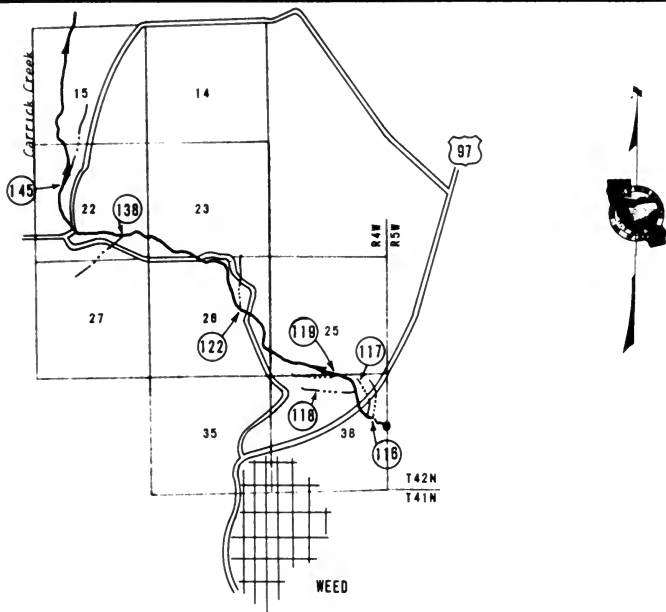
Figure 18a









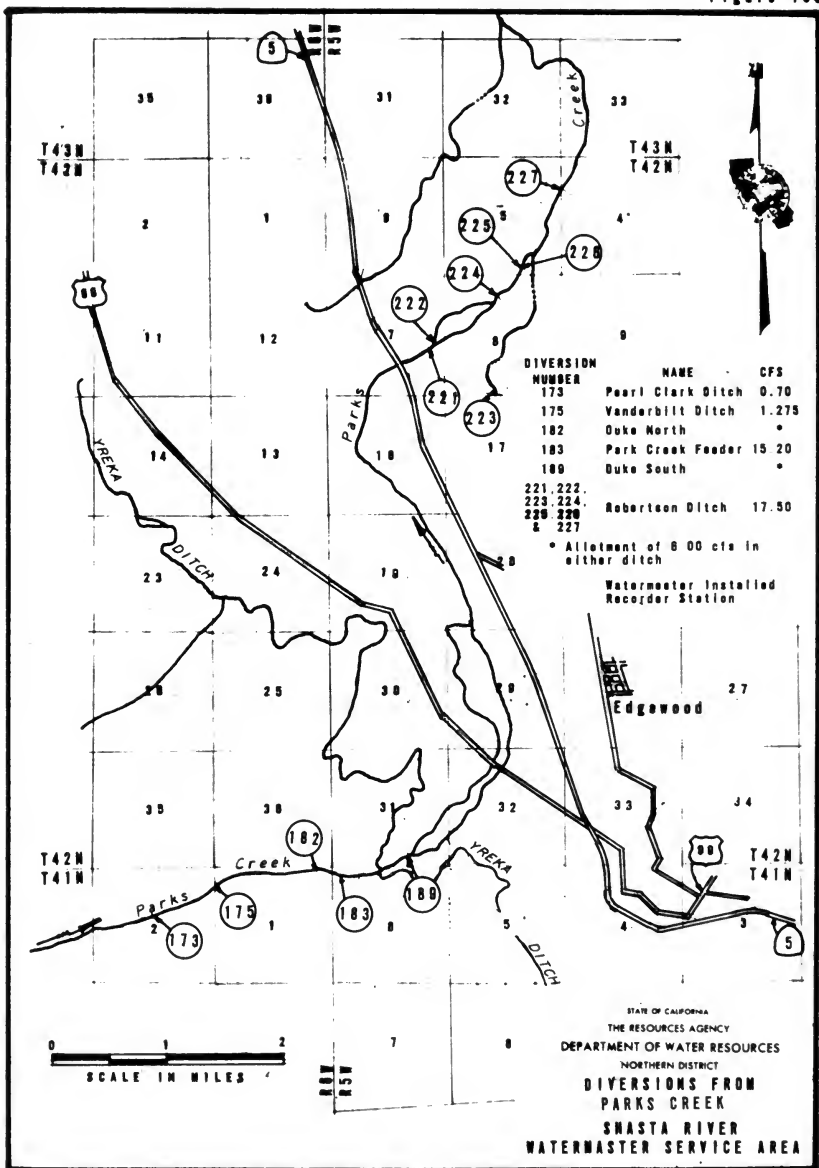


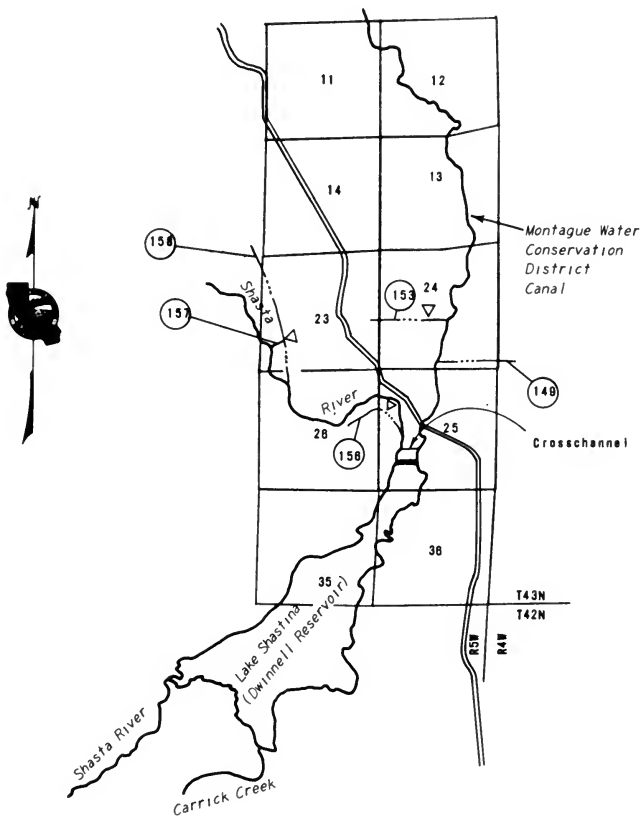
Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
118	Albee ditch	2.20
117	Carrick ditch	2.20
118	Belcastro-Vidrickson ditch	0.40
119	Vidrickson ditch (Can also be used in 118)	0.40
122	Hoy ditch	0.88
138	Jackson ditch	1.20
145	Mills ditch	1.10

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DIVERSIONS FROM  
CARRICK CREEK  
SHASTA RIVER  
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Figure 18a





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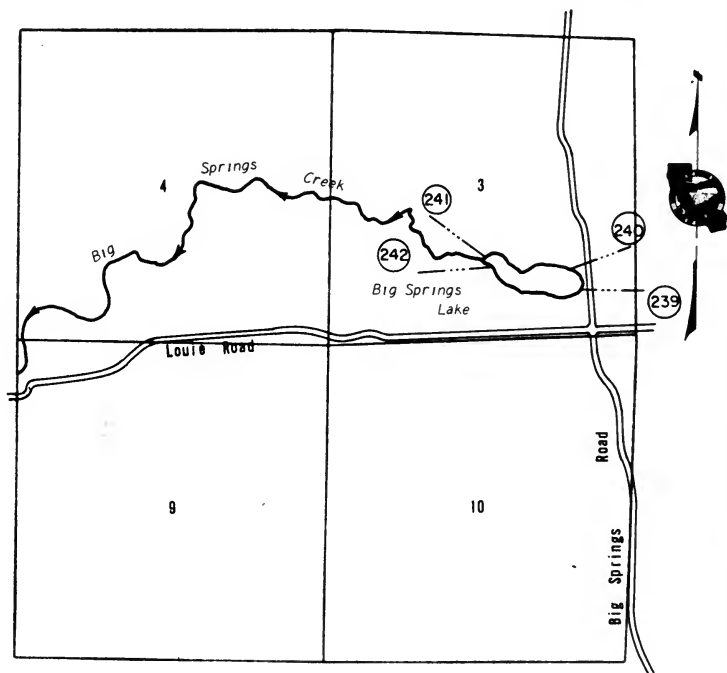
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SHASTA RIVER  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

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Diversion Number	Owner	Acres-Feet
148	Flying L Ranch	198-pump
153	Taylor ditch	1200
156	Seldom-Seen Ranch	924
157	Hole-in-the-Ground Ranch	586
158	Ayers	464

Figure 18g



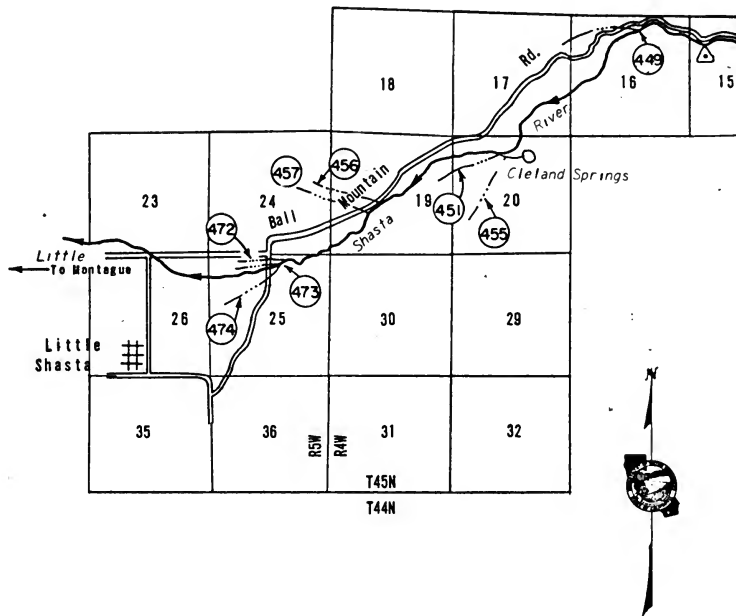
Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
239	Valentine Pump	7.50
240	Big Springs	30
241-242	E. Louie ditch	10.0

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 NORTHERN DISTRICT  
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 BIG SPRINGS LAKE  
 SHASTA RIVER  
 WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

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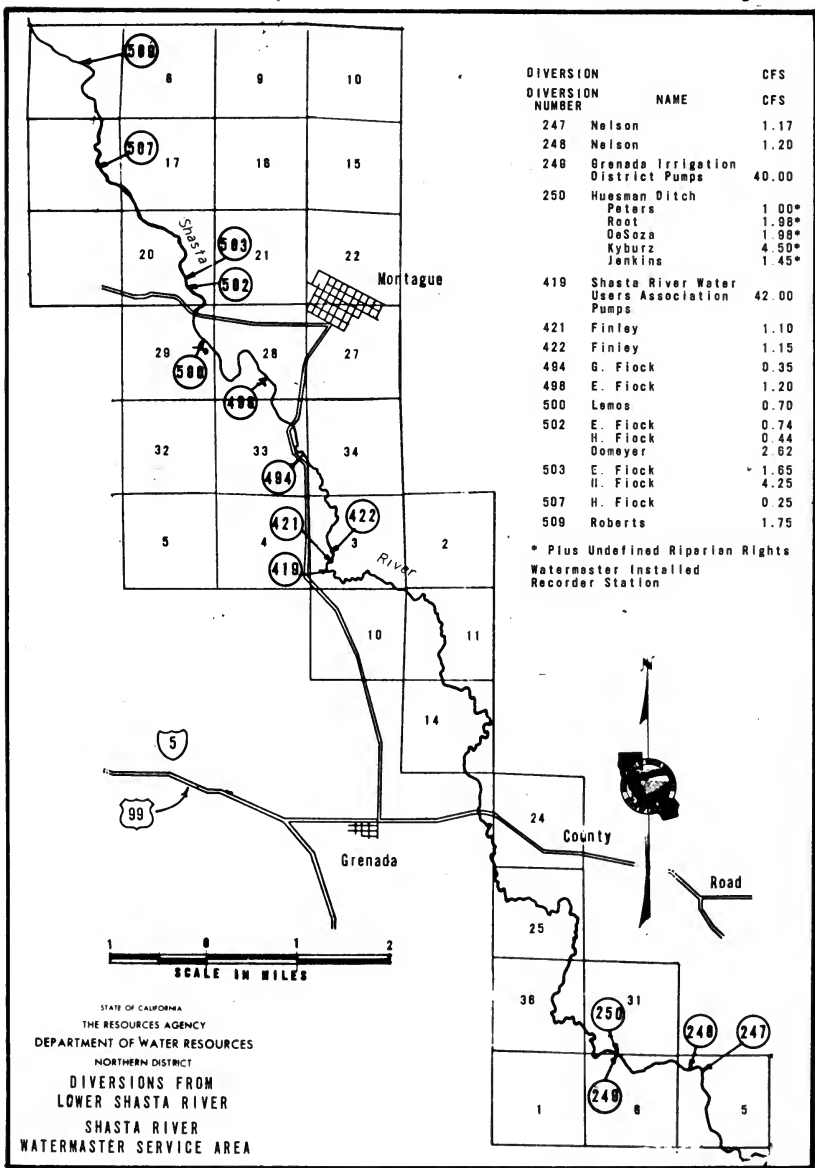




DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
449	Herp Ditch	0.60
451	Terwilliger Ditch	1.12
455	Martin Ditch	90.00
456	Dimmick Ditch	0.12
457	S & T Ditch	6.60
472	M & L Ditch	19.60
473	BWS Ditch	7.19
474	HHP Ditch	15.000

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 NORTHERN DISTRICT  
 DIVERSIONS FROM  
 LITTLE SHASTA RIVER  
 SHASTA RIVER  
 WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

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## South Fork Pit River Watermaster Service Area

The South Fork Pit River service area is located primarily in southeastern Modoc County, with a small portion extending into northeastern Lassen County. Figures 17 through 17d, pages 134 through 138, show the South Fork and its tributaries, with roads, etc.

The major source of water for this service area is the South Fork Pit River and its tributaries which rise on the western slopes of the Warner Mountains. The river flows in a westerly direction, entering South Fork Valley near Likely. It then flows north through the valley to its confluence with the North Fork Pit River just south of Alturas. The South Fork Pit River is joined from the east by Fitzhugh Creek near the middle of the valley and by Pine Creek near Alturas.

The major area of water use is in South Fork Valley between Likely and Alturas. South Fork Valley is about 16 miles long and 3 miles wide, with the valley floor lying at an elevation of about 4,500 feet. The valley is bounded on both sides by a rocky plateau that separates it from the surrounding mountains.

### Basis of Service

Water rights on the South Fork Pit River and its other tributaries, except Pine Creek, were defined by Court Reference No. 3273, dated October 30, 1934, and the watermaster service area was created on December 12 the same year.

The Pine Creek agreement established water rights on Pine Creek November 22, 1933, and this stream system was added to the South Fork Pit River area on January 12, 1935. Pine Creek Reservoir, a small reservoir above all diversions, was originally used for power generation. This reservoir, now a recreation site, has a small water right but is not in the service area.

The South Fork Pit River decree and the Pine Creek agreement establish two priorities on the respective systems. There are 36 owners of decreed water rights in the service area with total allotments of 350.97 cubic feet per second.

A large reservoir, West Valley Reservoir, was built in 1937 to increase the supply and extend the season for irrigation in the South Fork Irrigation District. The water rights for use from West Valley Reservoir total 22,240 acre-feet.

### Water Supply

The water supply for Pine Creek is derived mostly from snowmelt runoff. Therefore, runoff is usually small in the early spring, increases to a peak about May as temperatures rise, and then gradually decreases throughout the remainder of the season. Water users supplement their irrigation supplies from other sources whenever possible.

The water supply for Fitzhugh Creek consists of snowmelt runoff early in the season and supplemental water diverted from Mill Creek above Jess Valley later in the season. Surplus water from Fitzhugh Creek is diverted into the Payne and French Reservoirs through Payne-French ditch (Diversion 136) until about June, when the diversion is closed to allow sufficient flow to supply downstream allotments. By July the creek has normally receded until only first priority allotments are available.

Payne ditch (Diversion 1) is opened to import water from Mill Creek to Fitzhugh Creek when the snow has melted enough to allow access. This imported water is rediverted from North Fork Fitzhugh Creek through the Bowman ditch to the Bowman ranch. Return flow from Bowman ranch to the creek is rediverted through Diversion 136 for stockwatering purposes in the Payne-French ditch.

The water supply for the South Fork Pit River is derived primarily from snow-melt runoff, supplemented by water released from West Valley Reservoir. A number of streams, which rise at high elevations, collect at the mouth of Jess Valley to form the South Fork Pit River. West Valley Reservoir is located on West Valley Creek which enters the river below Jess Valley.

Most of the water users on the South Fork Pit River, except those in Jess Valley, are in the South Fork Irrigation District. The district stores water in West Valley Reservoir, which has a capacity of 22,240 acre-feet, and releases it to the South Fork Pit River as a supplemental supply when the natural flow becomes insufficient to meet demands. This usually occurs during the middle of June. Reservoir releases, together with the natural flow, are distributed by the watermaster in cooperation with the board of directors of the irrigation district. Except for extremely dry years, natural flow, combined with stored water, is sufficient to supply all demands for water on the South Fork Pit River throughout the irrigation season.

Records of the daily mean discharge of the several stream gaging stations in the area are presented in Tables 40 through 43, pages 132 and 133.

#### Method of Distribution

Irrigation of the lands along tributary streams is accomplished by flooding through use of small lateral ditches. The water is distributed on a continuous-flow basis to each user through gravity-flow diversion systems. In some cases, rotation is practiced among several users.

Most irrigation in the South Fork Pit River area is by the check and border method. The lands receive water essentially on demand by supplementing natural flow with releases from West Valley Reservoir. However, irrigation must be

coordinated between the various ranches to eliminate large peak demands from the reservoir and to use the return flow as much as possible. Actual distribution varies each year as there is no specific irrigation schedule in use.

Distribution to the South Fork Pit River users is carried out on an equal and correlative basis in accordance with the water requirements for each ranch. This method of operation was made possible by construction of West Valley Reservoir in 1937.

#### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began April 10 in the South Fork Pit River service area and continued until September 30, with John A. Nolan, Water Resources Technician II, as watermaster.

The water supply for the 1972 irrigation season was about average. Cold weather and an average snowpack delayed high runoff until late spring. However, the extremely hot, dry summer caused flows in the smaller tributaries to decrease rapidly. Consequently, only an average supply of water was available in these streams during late summer.

**Pine Creek.** Due to cold weather and the resulting low runoff, very close regulation was required during April and early May. Flow increased to over 100 percent of all allotments by late May and remained fairly steady throughout June. As the flow decreased in the latter part of the season, those water users with more than one ditch followed their usual practice of rotating their allotments between their various ditches. Flow had decreased to approximately 50 percent of first priority allotments by the end of the season.

**Fitzhugh Creek.** Regulation began in late June when the Yankee Jim and Bowman ditches became accessible. At that time surplus water was still available. The Payne ditch from Mill Creek was opened July 2. This imported water was added to the Bowman ditch allotment in accordance with the



decree. At the end of the season the available water supply had decreased to approximately 50 percent of first priority allotments.

**South Fork Pit River.** West Valley Reservoir reached its capacity of 22,240

acre-feet some time in March, but the natural flow of the South Fork Pit River was sufficient to meet all demands until July 1. Releases from the reservoir began at that time and continued throughout the season. At the end of September, 7,900 acre-feet remained in storage.

**SOUTH FORK PIT RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 40  
SOUTH FORK PIT RIVER NEAR LIKELY

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	83	189	223	330	98	155	105	1
2	153	242	245	319	109	152	125	2
3	141	238	280	313	103	157	148	3
4	114	242	272	300	89	157	150	4
5	92	265	290	286	70	163	135	5
6	82	242	313	278	67	174	106	6
7	121	230	324	291	63	174	82	7
8	173	219	319	311	61	167	62	8
9	205	211	313	300	58	184	58	9
10	232	205	308	272	61	205	58	10
11	242	195	308	238	58	205	63	11
12	258	191	313	213	58	201	70	12
13	269	199	327	189	58	197	67	13
14	278	223	353	178	54	195	58	14
15	276	272	371	178	89	205	49	15
16	286	274	383	187	102	221	48	16
17	286	232	386	157	117	221	48	17
18	306	189	374	145	114	215	47	18
19	288	184	347	137	114	211	48	19
20	288	176	358	133	114	213	41	20
21	283	176	344	124	119	217	27	21
22	288	182	311	111	117	217	26	22
23	272	181	293	105	114	215	23	23
24	258	183	288	105	111	215	28	24
25	258	182	288	95	106	213	27	25
26	238	174	283	94	108	195	40	26
27	223	186	288	88	116	133	78	27
28	215	217	300	84	133	113	83	28
29	203	221	311	82	130	109	47	29
30	183	211	316	78	143	106	41	30
31	189		324		164	103		31
Mean	219	212	314	190	96.5	181	65.3	Mean
Runoff in Acres-Feet	13460	12620	18290	11300	5930	11120	3890	Runoff in Acres-Feet

TABLE 41  
WEST VALLEY CREEK BELOW WEST VALLEY RESERVOIR

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			68	24	18*	128	84	1
2			64	23	35	123	98	2
3			83	22	34	123	114	3
4			56	20	34	123	114	4
5			54	20	28	132	88	5
6			52	21	18	140	82	6
7			48	25	18	140	41	7
8			45	27	18	140	30	8
9			42	26	18	149	30	9
10			41	23	18	156	30	10
11		88*	41	21	18	156	30	11
12		90	41	20	18	156	30	12
13		90	41	19	18	156	30	13
14		82	38	18	18	156	22	14
15		108	37	18	26	182	22	15
16		118	36	18	56	188	22	16
17		106	33	15	84	168	22	17
18		94	31	14	84	168	22	18
19		89	32	12	84	188	22	19
20		85	35	11	84	167	14	20
21		84	36	10	84	167	8.2	21
22		80	35	8.9	84	166	6.2	22
23		78	34	9.0	84	166	6.2	23
24		72	34	8.8	84	166	8.2	24
25		71	33	8.0	84	168	8.0**	25
26		89	32	7.7	84	156		26
27		74	31	7.6	92	104		27
28		71	30	8.0	108	84		28
29		69	29	7.4	108	84		29
30		67	28	7.2	118	84		30
31			27		126	84		31
Mean		84.7	40.2	16.6	57.6	142.1	38.3	Mean
Runoff in Acres-Feet		3380	2473	949	3544	8738	1800	Runoff in Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
# Beginning of Releases  
\*\* End of Releases

# SOUTH FORK PIT RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 42  
FITZHUGH CREEK BELOW DIVERSION NO. 137

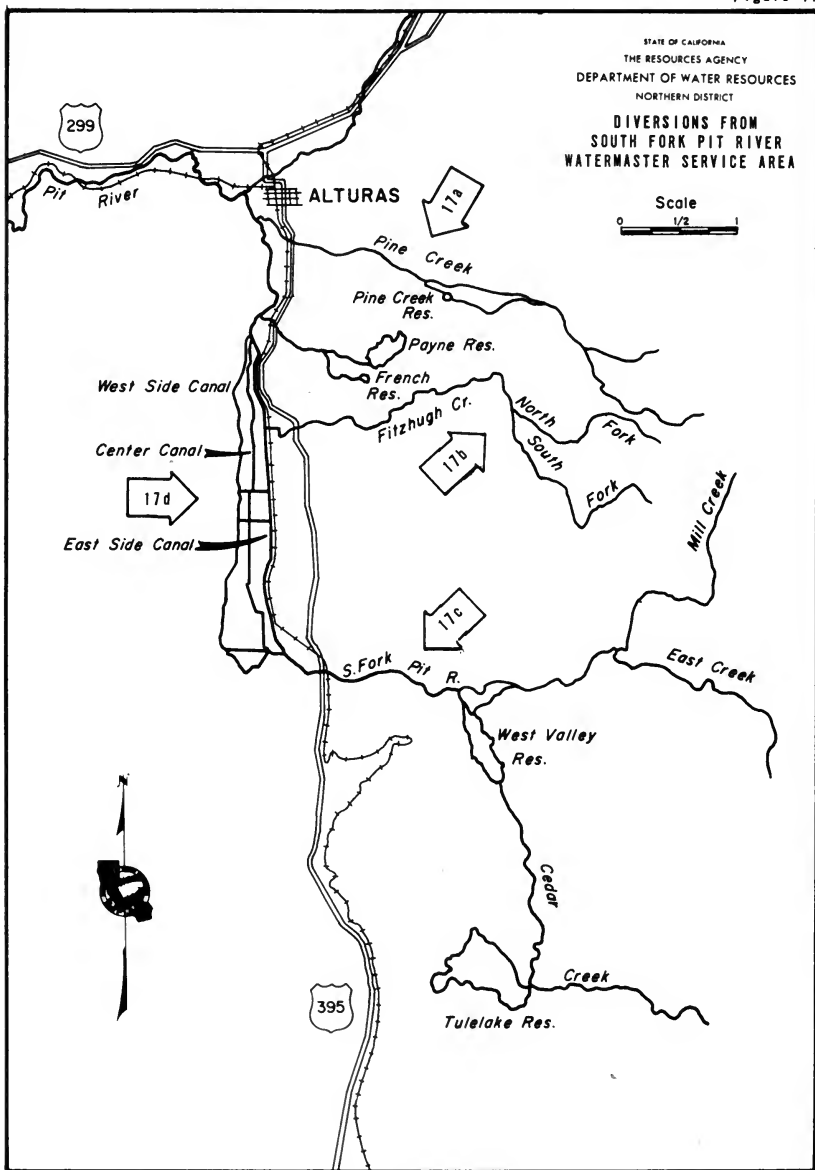
Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1				22*	7.8	2.7	1.5	1
2				23	7.3	2.6	1.5	2
3				24	8.9	2.5	1.5	3
4				25	6.7	2.5	1.5	4
5				26	6.5	2.4	1.5	5
6				28	8.2	2.4	1.5	6
7				30	5.8	2.4	1.5	7
8				29	5.6	2.4	1.5	8
9				28	5.3	2.4	1.4	9
10				28	4.9	2.4	1.4	10
11				27	4.7	2.3	1.3	11
12				27	4.6	2.3	1.3	12
13				27	4.5	2.3	1.3	13
14				26	4.4	2.1	1.2	14
15				24	4.4	2.0	1.1	15
16				21	4.2	2.0	1.0	16
17				20	4.1	2.0	1.0	17
18				18	3.9	1.9	1.0	18
19				17	3.7	1.8	1.0	19
20				15	3.5	1.8	1.0	20
21				14	3.4	1.7	0.9	21
22				12	3.3	1.7	0.9	22
23				11	3.2	1.7	0.8	23
24				10	3.1	1.7	0.8	24
25				9.6	3.0	1.6	0.8**	25
26				9.3	3.0	1.6		26
27				8.9	3.0	1.7		27
28				8.7	2.8	1.7		28
29				8.3	2.9	1.6		29
30				8.0	2.8	1.6		30
31					2.7	1.6		31
Mean				19.5	4.5	2.0	1.4	Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet				1160	274	126	60	Acre-Feet

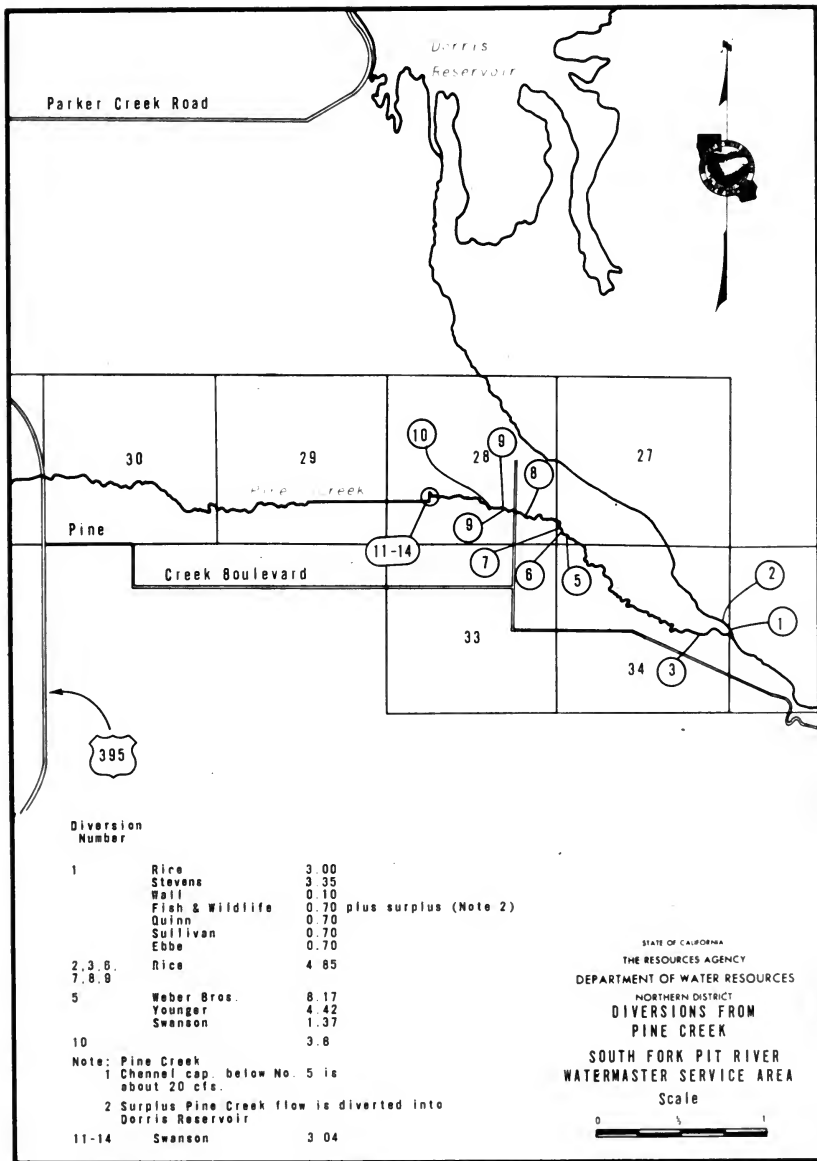
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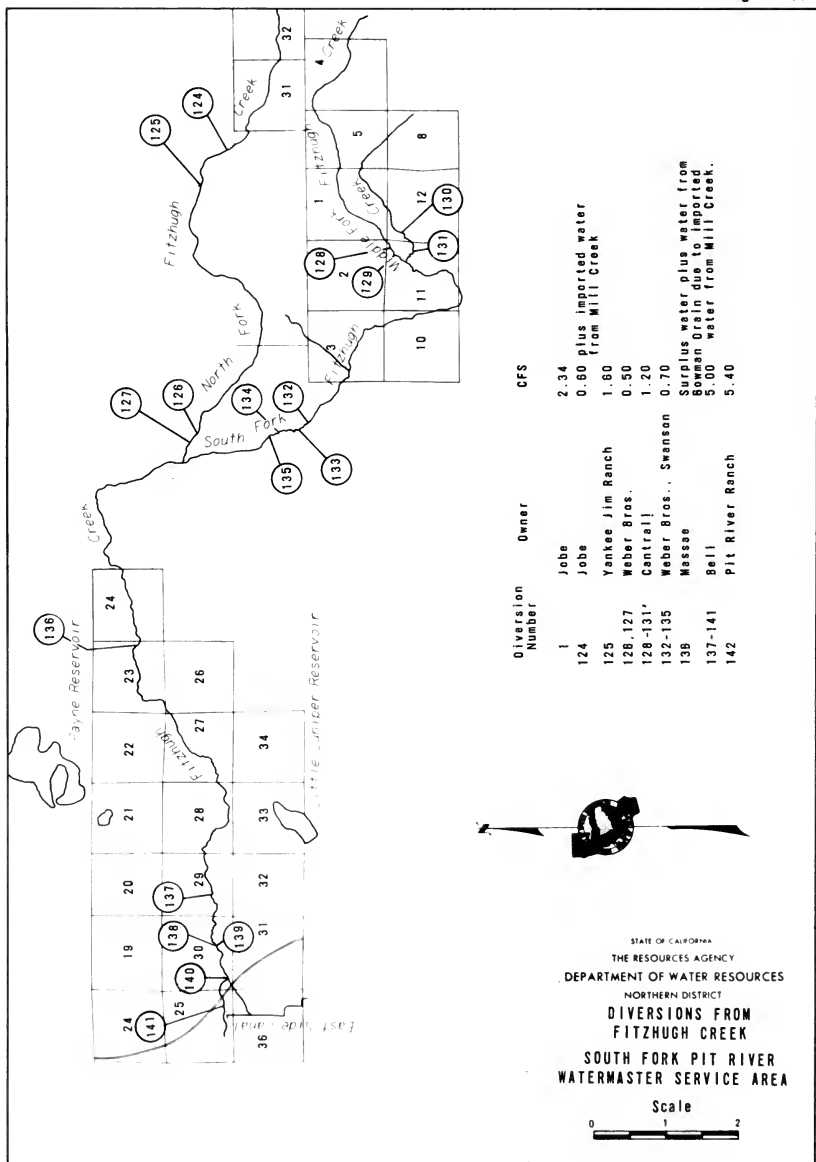
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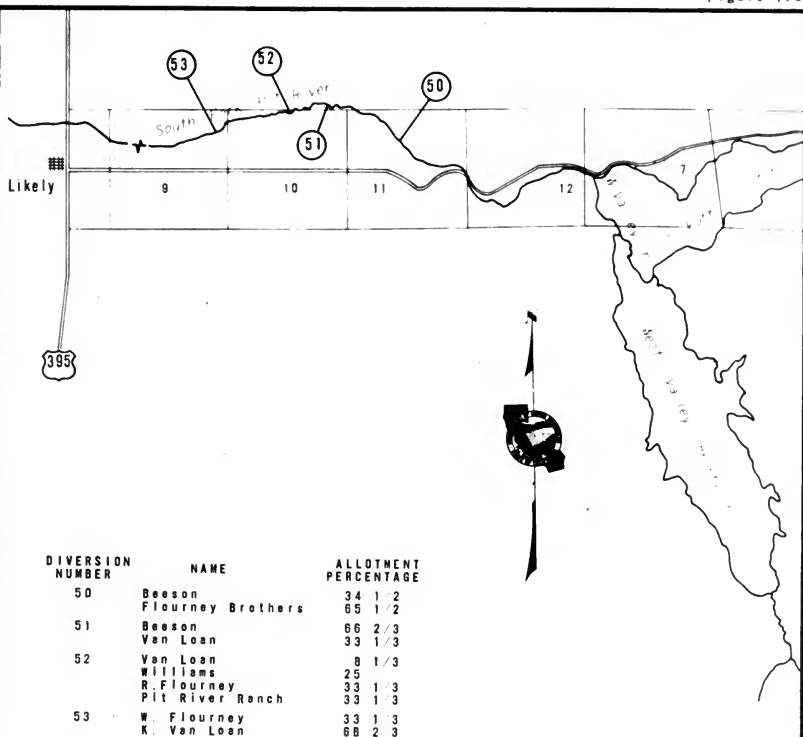
TABLE 43  
PINE CREEK NEAR ALTURAS

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	26	29	34	125	42	21	16	1
2	74	35	36	125	42	21	16	2
3	52	34	38	113	41	20	16	3
4	41	35	41	104	40	20	17	4
5	35	39	44	97	39	20	17	5
6	31	40	47	95	38	20	16	6
7	29	39	47	109	36	20	16	7
8	29	36	48	102	35	19	16	8
9	30	34	50	98	34	19	16	9
10	31	33	53	93	33	19	16	10
11	32	33	55	86	32	18	16	11
12	33	32	57	77	32	18	16	12
13	34	33	60	69	32	18	16	13
14	34	35	64	63	31	18	16	14
15	34	40	68	57	30	18	15	15
16	35	34	77	54	29	18	15	16
17	37	31	84	54	28	18	15	17
18	39	29	79	55	27	18	15	18
19	38	29	79	57	28	18	15	19
20	36	28	83	57	26	18	15	20
21	38	28	72	56	26	17	15	21
22	38	28	66	55	25	17	15	22
23	35	29	63	53	24	17	15	23
24	33	31	62	53	24	17	15	24
25	33	31	62	51	23	17	15	25
26	31	30	62	48	22	17	19	26
27	29	31	65	47	22	16	21	27
28	29	33	74	46	22	18	16	28
29	28	33	85	44	21	16	15	29
30	28	33	108	44	21	16	15	30
31	27		118		21	16		31
Mean	32.7	32.6	63.8	72.9	29.8	18.1	15.9	Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet	2132	1954	3925	4340	1833	1113	946	Acre-Feet









DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	ALLOTMENT PERCENTAGE
50	Beeson	34 1/2
	Flourney Brothers	65 1/2
51	Beeson	66 2/3
	Van Loan	33 1/3
52	Van Loan	8 1/3
	Williams	25
	R. Flourney	33 1/3
	Pit River Ranch	33 1/3
53	W. Flourney	33 1/3
	K. Van Loan	66 2/3

NOTE: West Valley Reservoir maximum storage 22,240 acre-feet

Stored water is released to supplement natural flow of South Fork Pit River. This makes decree allotments relatively unimportant.

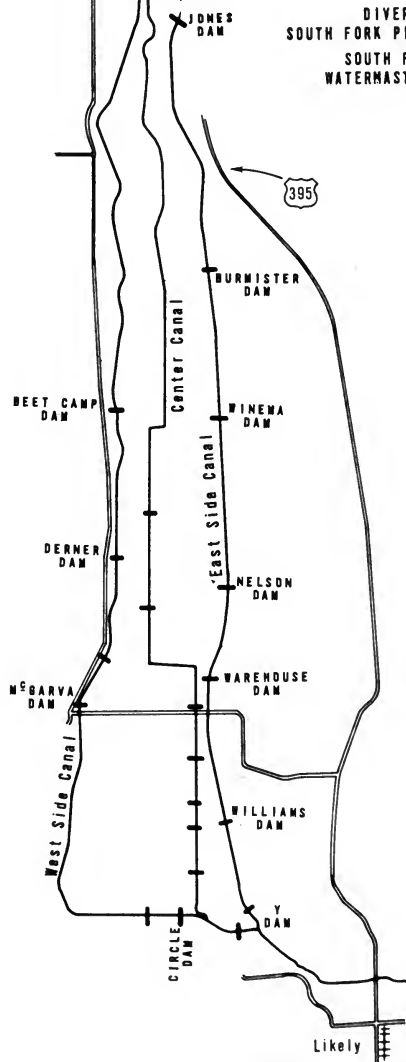
Above percentages refer only to available water supply in respective ditches.

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## Surprise Valley Watermaster Service Area

The Surprise Valley service area is situated in extreme eastern Modoc County, east of the Warner Mountains. Figure 18, page 149, shows the service area, the streams serving it, and the towns and roads of the valley.

Ten individual stream systems rising on the eastern slope of the Warner Mountains supply water to the area. These streams are fed by snowmelt runoff and traverse a fast, precipitous course down the eastern slope of the Warner Mountains to the valley floor where numerous scattered diversion ditches convey water to the irrigated lands.

### Basin of Service

The Surprise Valley watermaster service area was created January 10, 1939, including Mill, Soldier, Pine, Cedar, Deep, Owl, Rader, and Emerson Creeks, all of which previously had watermaster service individually. Service was started on Eagle Creek at that time. Bidwell Creek was added to the service area March 16, 1960. Each of the 10 stream systems are under separate decrees. There are 171 owners of decreed water rights in the service area with their rights totaling 313.75 cubic feet per second. See Table 44, page 140, for specific data regarding the decrees and water rights on the individual creeks.

### Water Supply

The water supply is derived almost entirely from snowmelt runoff, with only minor spring-fed flows occurring in the latter part of the season. Due to the steep eastern slope of the Warner Mountains, there are no known economically justified storage sites on the service area streams. Because of the lack of such regulatory storage, the available water supply at any specific diversion point may vary considerably within a

few hours. An extreme diurnal temperature variation causes extensive variation in snowmelt runoff. This problem is further aggravated by the relatively short, steep drainage area. In addition, occasional summer thundershowers may cause a creek to discharge a flow of mammoth proportions for several hours. These flashes are apt to cause considerable damage in the form of washouts and debris deposition and are of such short duration that no beneficial use can be made of the water.

Records of the daily mean discharge at several stream gaging stations within the service area are presented in Tables 45 through 55, pages 143 through 148.

### Method of Distribution

The continuous-flow method of distribution is employed on most creeks; however, in a few instances the available water supply is rotated among the users in accordance with either decree schedules or by mutual agreement.

Alfalfa and meadow hay, the major crops grown in the valley, are irrigated in most instances by wild flooding, although some lands depend upon subsurface irrigation. Also, sprinkler irrigation with surface water is a recent trend. A few of these systems work by gravity, but most employ pumps with the surface water supplemented by deep wells. Many additional acres have been put into production during the past few years through the use of deep wells. Only surface water supplies are under state watermaster service.

To facilitate distribution of irrigation water, construction of permanent diversion dams, headgates, and measuring devices has been stressed during recent years. Although these structures do not solve the problems of discharge variation and debris deposition, they do provide

TABLE 44  
DECREES AND RELATED DATA - SURPRISE VALLEY STREAMS

Creek	Modoc County Superior Court Decree			Service Area Created	No. of Water Right Owners	Total Cubic Feet Per Second	Remarks
	No.	Date	Type <sup>a/</sup>				
Bidwell	8420	1-13-60	S	3-16-60 <sup>b/</sup>	46	63.74	(Schedule 3) 3 priorities March 15-July 19 (Schedule 4) 5 priorities July 10-Sept. 30 If no water passing Div. No. 23 Sept. 30-March 14, 1st priority provisions of Schedule 4 apply.
Mill	3024	12-19-31	CR	12-30-31	38	37.13	1 priority on Brown Cr., tributary to Rutherford Cr., 7 priorities on Rutherford Cr., tributary to Mill Cr., 4 priorities on Mill Cr., 1st & 2nd for year-round use, 3rd & 4th April through September.
Soldier	2045	11-28-28	CR	9-11-29	13 <sup>c/</sup>	33.50 4.37	Starting March 19 each year, lower users receive water for 4 13-day periods alternating with upper users who receive water for 4 10-day periods, ending June 19. 7 priorities during lower users periods, 8 during upper users periods and 12 for rest of the year. Approp. License 1566, 1613, 1648, and 1850.
Pine	3391	12- 7-36	CR	1-13-37	5 <sup>c/</sup>	d/ 0.08	One full rotation totalling 893 AF. Rotation continues until flow decreases to 4 cfs, then all water goes to Cal-Vada Ranch until flow decreases to 1.60 cfs, then all water goes to the R. Bidwell Ranch.
Cedar	1206 2343 d/	5-22-01 2-15-23	CA CA	9-11-29	12	28.90 <sup>d/</sup>	Water rights established by these two decrees and an agreement signed by all users. No. 1206 sat 1st & 2nd priorities; No. 2443 3rd priority & agreement the 4th. 28.80 cfs includes 5.00 cfs imported from Thoms Cr. on west slope of Warner Mountains.
Deep	3101	1-25-34	CR	12-29-34	11	29.37	Schedule 2 establishes 5 priorities, year-round.
Owl	2410	5-29-29	CA	9-11-29	6 <sup>c/</sup>	41.70	21 priorities; all year-round but 8th, under which each of 3 owners receives his allotment for an 8-day period. Approp. License No. 2842, 0.54 cfs.
Rader	3626	6- 4-37	CR	6-12-37	6	21.00	7 priorities. 7th is for surplus water. Divisions No. 1, 3, 6 & 7 have seasonal limitations.
Eagle	2304 3284	4- 5-26 11- 5-37	CA CR	1-10-39	36	30.57	Decree No. 3284 added rights in all priority classes, & established 4 classes. 4.50 cfs right of Belford Corp. is for use March 1 to July 1. Eagleville "town users", Schedule 2 may divert through Gee & Grider ditches March 16 to October 14 each year. Set 1st priority rights of Gee & Grider ditches. Par. XVII & XVIII, for use April 15 to October 1.
Emerson	2840	3-25-30	CR	4-11-30	10	24.65	4 priorities, 1st is for year-round use, others April 1 to September 30.

a/ S-Statutory, CR-Court Reference, CA-Court Adjudication

b/ Added to existing Surprise Valley service area.

c/ Appropriative rights junior to the decreed rights.

d/ See remarks.

significant assistance in solving water measurement and distribution problems. The individual streams and locations of the diversions are shown on Figures 18a through 18j, pages 150 through 159.

Although the Owl Creek Flood Control and Water Conservation District did not become official until August 7, 1961, the district's diversion and distribution project was completed in February, 1961. The project reduced the number of diversions from 17 to 2 and the number of ditches from 17 to 8. This makes distribution easier and more equitable. The users say that they receive twice as much water as they did before the project. It is possible to divert and distribute 80 cubic feet per second in the lower seven ditches.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service began in the Surprise Valley service area on March 19 and continued until September 27. William E. Gill, Water Resources Technician II, was watermaster during this period.

The 1972 irrigation season was very successful due to an above-normal snowpack in the Warner Mountains, although lack of precipitation and dry north winds caused streams to recede rapidly during June and July and flows to remain low for the rest of the season.

Greater than average per acre crop yields were experienced throughout the valley, especially by ranchers who supplemented their irrigation by ground water pumping. However, ranches bordering the Alkali Lakes experienced below-normal overall crop yields due to portions of their lands being flooded by the unusually high level of the lakes. (The Division of Highways raised the grade approximately 2 feet on the causeway across Middle Alkali Lake to keep the highway in service.)

**Bidwell Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Bidwell Creek users during

the period April 1 through September 30 was 19,500 acre-feet, or approximately 170 percent of normal. Charles Holmes, watermaster for the North Fork Pit River, served as watermaster on Bidwell Creek from April 1 through July 9. On July 10, flow was adequate to supply approximately 50 percent of the third priorities; however, by August 19 only first priority water was available.

**Mill Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Mill Creek users during the period April 1 through September 27 was 4,620 acre-feet or approximately 89 percent of normal. During the month of April and the first half of May, third priority water was available in varying amounts. All four priorities were satisfied from mid-May through June 20. The flow receded rapidly thereafter and from August 22 to September 30 only partial first priority water was available.

**Soldier Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Soldier Creek users from March 19 through September 27 was 5,080 acre-feet or approximately 135 percent of normal. Due to above-normal runoff and below-normal requirements of lower users, the flow was adequate to supply both upper and lower users until early June. When the "Season Outside of the General Irrigation Season" started June 19, the flow was adequate to supply approximately two-thirds of the seventh priority. From mid-August through September 27 only partial first priority was available.

**Pine Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Pine Creek users during the period March 20 through September 27 was 1,750 acre-feet or approximately 130 percent of normal. Some bulldozer and backhoe work was required to clean the channel above the Parshall flumes and to clean the north Parshall flume. This work was complete April 1. By mutual agreement of the users the flow was split, one-half in each channel, and remained so until May 27. At this time, again by mutual agreement, the total flow of 4.6 cubic

feet per second was turned into the south channel for the Cal-Vada ranch. On June 13 the flow receded to 1.6 cubic feet per second and was all diverted into the Cressler ditch for the Bordwell ranch. On July 11 the water failed to reach the place of use. Pine Creek was dry for the remainder of the season.

**Cedar Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Cedar Creek users from April 1 through September 30 was 5,788 acre-feet or approximately 223 percent of normal. Streamflow was adequate to supply demand during April. However, by the end of May only 50 percent of second priority water was available. After June 16 only first priority water was available in decreasing amounts.

**Deep Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Deep Creek users from April 1 to September 27 was 4,070 acre-feet or approximately 110 percent of normal. Except for about the last 10 days of April, flow in North Deep Creek was more than adequate to supply all of the decreed rights until June 12. (North Deep Creek has only one priority and one diversion). From June 12 on, flow receded steadily. Except for the latter part of April, flow in South Deep Creek was more than adequate to supply all five priorities until May 21. The streamflow receded steadily and after June 13 only first priority water was available in decreasing amounts.

**Owl Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Owl Creek users from April 1 through September 27 was 10,250 acre-feet or approximately 163 percent of normal. The streamflow was adequate to supply the demands during April.

The flow increased steadily during May and from May 12 to July 1 was adequate to supply all 21 priorities. The maximum flow of 112 cubic feet per second was recorded on June 5, after which the flow receded steadily. Sufficient water was available after August 9, when the three "special" eighth priority rights ended, to supply a portion of the ninth priority through August 13.

**Rader Creek.** The Rader Creek water users experienced an above-normal irrigation season. Channel conditions were such that no suitable site could be found for a recorder. Streamflow was adequate to supply the demands. All of the first priority was still being supplied on September 5. The repairs of last year's damage to Diversion 2 were not completed by the end of the irrigation season. The structures for Diversions 3, 4, and 5 also needed to be replaced.

**Eagle Creek.** The Eagle Creek water users experienced an above-normal irrigation season. All four priorities were satisfied from mid-May through the first week in July. The flow receded steadily until by mid-September only first priority water was available.

**Emerson Creek.** Total stream runoff available to Emerson Creek users from April 1 through September 27 was 5,945 acre-feet or approximately 167 percent of normal. By May 2, melting snow had increased the flow in Emerson Creek to fully satisfy all four priorities and continued to do so until June 18. The flow receded steadily, however, and second priority water was available in varying amounts during August and September.

**SURPRISE VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 45**  
**BIOWELL CREEK NEAR FORT BIOWELL**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	32	32	82	159	25	12	8.0	1
2	40	37	88	147	24	12	8.0	2
3	75	43	77	139	23	12	8.0	3
4	88	52	87	131	21	12	8.0	4
5	85	89	87	121	21	12	8.0	5
8	88	88	117	118	21	12	8.0	6
7	85	80	118	122	20	12	7.7	7
8	57	53	104	120	19	11	7.7	8
9	59	48	88	111	19	11	7.8	9
10	81	44	81	100	18	11	7.4	10
11	85	41	82	91	18	11	7.5	11
12	89	39	87	80	17	11	7.7	12
13	81	37	101	73	17	11	7.7	13
14	81	35	122	88	18	10	7.5	14
15	74	36	137	88	18	9.7	6.8	15
18	79	39	148	86	15	9.8	8.8	18
17	91	38	139	64	15	9.6	8.8	17
18	103	35	123	81	14	9.8	8.4	18
19	87	34	112	54	14	9.6	8.3	19
20	74	34	107	50	14	9.8	8.1	20
21	89	39	97	47	14	9.8	8.1	21
22	84	43	91	42	14	9.3	8.0	22
23	55	47	87	39	14	9.3	5.8	23
24	47	50	87	38	13	9.3	5.8	24
25	44	47	90	35	13	9.1	5.6	25
28	38	47	84	33	13	8.8	5.9	26
27	34	52	100	31	13	8.8	7.4	27
28	31	88	110	29	13	8.3	7.7	28
29	30	89	127	28	12	8.3	7.7	29
30	29	83	147	27	12	8.3	7.3	30
31	30		181		12	8.0		31
Mean	60.0	46.6	105	76.3	16.5	10.2	7.1	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	3891	2771	8438	4542	1012	824	423	Runoff In Acre-Feet

**TABLE 48**  
**MILL CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			11	54	14	3.8	1.5	1
2			14	53	13	3.5	1.5	2
3			18	52	12	3.3	1.5	3
4			19	49	11	3.3	1.5	4
5			20	48	11	3.0	1.5	5
8			24	48	11	3.0	1.5	8
7			24	51	10	3.0	1.5	7
8			20	48	9.1	3.0	1.5	8
9			18	45	8.6	3.0	1.5	9
10		15*	18	42	8.1	3.0	1.5	10
11		12	19	37	7.8	2.8	1.5	11
12		11	20	34	7.1	2.8	1.5	12
13		8.1	22	32	7.1	2.8	1.5	13
14		8.7	25	32	7.1	2.6	1.5	14
15		8.3	28	31	6.7	2.8	1.6	15
18		7.1	32	31	6.3	2.6	1.9	18
17		5.1	33	30	6.3	2.6	1.9	17
18		4.1	28	29	6.3	2.5	1.8	18
19		3.5	28	29	5.9	2.5	1.8	19
20		3.5	25	27	5.9	2.5	1.8	20
21		3.5	22	28	5.5	2.5	1.8	21
22		4.1	21	25	5.1	1.9	1.8	22
23		4.8	22	24	4.8	1.8	1.8	23
24		5.1	22	22	4.8	1.6	1.8	24
25		4.1	23	20	4.5	1.8	1.8	25
28		3.8	23	19	4.5	1.8	4.8	26
27		8.1	25	18	4.1	1.8	8.3**	27
28		12	31	17	4.1	1.5		28
29		11	35	15	3.8	1.5		29
30		10	42	15	3.8	1.5		30
31			52		3.8	1.5		31
Mean	7.7	24.5	39.3	39.3	7.2	4.9	1.9	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	285	1510	1990	442	151	102		Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record

**SURPRISE VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 47**  
**SOLDIER CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		15	25 E	34	5.4	2.5	1.7	1
2		28	30 E	29	5.2	2.5	1.7	2
3		25	35 E	28	5.0	2.5	1.7	3
4		32	40 E	25	4.8	2.4	1.7	4
5		39	50	23	4.8	2.4	1.7	5
6		31	49	22	4.4	2.3	1.7	6
7		22	38	20 E	4.4	2.3	1.7	7
8		22	32	19 E	4.1	2.2	1.7	8
9		20	29	18 E	4.0	2.2	1.7	9
10		18	30 E	17 E	4.0	2.2	1.7	10
11		17	30 E	18 E	3.8	2.2	1.7	11
12		15	35 E	15 E	3.7	2.2	1.7	12
13		14	35 E	14 E	3.6	2.2	1.7	13
14		14	35 E	13 E	3.8	2.1	1.7	14
15		15	40 E	12	3.6	2.1	1.7	15
16		18	40 E	12	3.6	2.1	1.7	16
17		18	45 E	12	3.4	2.1	1.7	17
18		13	40 E	11	3.3	2.1	1.7	18
19	24*	13	40 E	11	3.3	2.1	1.7	19
20	24	15	35 E	10	3.3	2.0	1.7	20
21	23	16	35 E	9.8	3.3	2.0	1.7	21
22	23	18	30 E	9.0	3.1	2.0	1.7	22
23	21	19	30 E	8.6	3.1	1.9	1.6	23
24	20	19	30 E	7.9	3.1	1.9	1.6	24
25	18	16	29	7.3	3.0	1.9	1.6	25
26	15	16	30	6.7	2.9	1.8	9.0	26
27	13	24	32	6.1	2.9	1.8	17 **	27
28	12	29	35	5.8	2.8	1.7		28
29	10	23	39	5.8	2.7	1.7		29
30	11	21 E	37	5.6	2.7	1.7		30
31	12		39		2.6	1.7		31
Mean	17.3	20.1	35.4	14.1	3.7	2.1	2.5	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acres-Feet	448	1200 E	2179 E	840 E	225	124	135	Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record  
E Estimated

**TABLE 48**  
**PINE CREEK AT DIVISION OF NORTH AND SOUTH CHANNELS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		13	11	3.3	0.3			1
2		24	13	3.0	0.3			2
3		23	13	3.1	0.3			3
4		27	13	2.9	0.2			4
5		30	13	2.6	0.2			5
6		25	15	2.5	0.2			6
7		22	12	4.5	0.2			7
8		19	11	4.0	0.1			8
9		14	10	2.7	0.1			9
10		13	9.6	2.3	0.1			10
11		13	9.4	2.1	0.0**			11
12		12	9.6	1.8				12
13		12	10	1.6				13
14		9.6	10	1.5				14
15		12	10	1.5				15
16		15	9.6	1.4				16
17		12	7.8	1.4				17
18		9.6	6.0	1.3				18
19		8.6	5.8	1.2				19
20	17*	10	6.8	1.1				20
21	17	11	5.8	1.0				21
22	14	11	5.0	0.9				22
23	8.0	12	5.0	0.8				23
24	12	11	5.8	0.7				24
25		9.4	5.0	0.6				25
26	9.5	10	4.8	0.5				26
27	8.9	13	4.6	0.5				27
28	8.3	14	4.3	0.4				28
29	8.3	11	4.5	0.4				29
30	7.9	10	4.0	0.3				30
31	8.5		3.7					31
Mean	10.9	14.5	8.3	1.7	0.2			Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acres-Feet	259	885	512	103	4			Acres-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record

**SURPRISE VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 49**  
**CEDAR CREEK NEAR CEDARVILLE**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	59	22	18	17	1.7	0.8	0.3	1
2	87	34	18	18	1.7	0.8	0.3	2
3	81	30	19	18	1.5	0.6	0.3	3
4	88	32	19	15	1.4	0.8	0.4	4
5	53	34	19	15	1.3	0.8	0.5	5
6	48	33	21	18	1.3	0.5	0.5	6
7	48	30	20	17	1.2	0.5	0.5	7
8	47	27	19	15	1.1	0.5	0.4	8
9	48	25	18	13	1.1	0.5	0.4	9
10	47	23	18	12	1.1	0.5	0.4	10
11	48	23	18	11	1.1	0.5	0.4	11
12	47	22	18	8.8	1.1	0.4	0.5	12
13	48	22	18	7.8	1.0	0.4	0.5	13
14	43	23	18	7.1	0.9	0.4	0.5	14
15	44	27	18	6.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	15
16	48	32	18	6.1	0.9	0.4	0.4	16
17	48	27	18	5.5	0.9	0.5	0.4	17
18	45	23	18	5.0	0.8	0.5	0.4	18
19	42	22	17	4.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	19
20	40	21	18	4.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	20
21	39	21	17	4.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	21
22	39	20	17	3.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	22
23	38	20	18	3.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	23
24	35	20	18	3.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	24
25	32	20	18	3.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	25
26	27	19	16	2.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	26
27	24	19	17	2.5	0.8	0.3	3.9	27
28	22	19	17	2.3	0.7	0.3	2.3	28
29	21	19	17	2.0	0.6	0.3	1.2	29
30	21	19	17	1.7	0.8	0.3	0.9	30
31	21	17	17	1.7	0.6	0.3		31
Mean	42.6	24.3	17.8	6.3	1.0	0.5	0.7	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	2834	1444	1093	491	60	28	38	Runoff In Acre-Feet

**TABLE 50**  
**NORTH DEEP CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		10E*	8.8	13	2.3	1.1	0.6	1
2		10E	9.7	12	2.2	1.0	0.6	2
3		10E	11	12	2.0	1.0	0.8	3
4		11	13	11	1.9	1.0	0.6	4
5		12	13	11	1.8	0.9	0.6	5
6		12	14	11	1.8	0.9	0.6	6
7		11	13	12	1.7	0.9	0.6	7
8		10	12	12	1.7	0.9	0.6	8
9		8.9	11	11	1.5	0.8	0.8	9
10		9.3	11	9.9	1.5	0.8	0.6	10
11		9.3	11	9.3	1.4	0.8	0.8	11
12		8.6	11	8.6	1.4	0.8	0.5	12
13		8.2	12	8.1	1.3	0.8	0.5	13
14		9.3	13	6.8	1.3	0.7	0.5	14
15		11	14	8.5	1.3	0.7	0.5	15
16		11	14	8.3	1.2	0.7	0.5	16
17		10	14	8.3	1.2	0.7	0.5	17
18		9.3	12	8.2	1.2	0.7	0.5	18
19		9.3	11	5.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	19
20		8.8	11	5.2	1.1	0.7	0.5	20
21		8.6	10	5.0	1.1	0.7	0.5	21
22		8.4	9.9	4.7	1.1	0.7	0.5	22
23		8.2	9.7	4.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	23
24		8.4	9.7	4.0	1.0	0.7	0.5	24
25		8.2	9.9	3.7	1.0	0.6	0.5	25
26		7.9	9.9	3.5	1.0	0.6	1.8	26
27		8.1	10	3.4	1.0	0.8	2.0**	27
28		8.8	11	3.1	1.0	0.8		28
29		8.6	12	2.8	1.0	0.6		29
30		8.4	12	2.5	1.1	0.6		30
31			12		1.1	0.6		31
Mean	9.4	11.5	7.4	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	Mean
Runoff In Acre-Feet	582E	705	438	84	47	34		Runoff In Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record  
E Estimated

**SURPRISE VALLEY WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
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**TABLE 51**  
**SOUTH DEEP CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		20E*	7.3	14	1.3	0.7	0.5	1
2		20E	8.8	13	1.2	0.6	0.5	2
3		20E	11	12	0.9	0.6	0.5	3
4		24	13	10	1.4	0.6	0.5	4
5		26	16	9.2	1.4	0.6	0.5	5
6		25	17	8.1	1.4	0.6	0.6	6
7		22	19	14	1.5	0.8	0.8	7
8		21	19	11	1.4	0.6	0.6	8
9		21	17	9.6	1.4	0.6	0.6	9
10		19	17	8.8	1.3	0.6	0.6	10
11		17	18	7.3	1.2	0.6	0.6	11
12		16	19	6.4	1.2	0.6	0.6	12
13		15	20	5.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	13
14		16	21	4.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	14
15		19	21	4.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	15
16		18	22	4.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	16
17		12	21	3.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	17
18		11	19	3.5	0.9	0.6	0.6	18
19		9.2	18	3.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	19
20		6.4	16	3.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	20
21		5.8	13	2.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	21
22		5.8	11	2.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	22
23		6.1	11	2.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	23
24		6.4	11	2.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	24
25		6.1	11	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.6	25
26		5.8	12	2.1	0.7	0.5	1.2	26
27		6.4	12	1.8	0.7	0.5	2.1**	27
28		7.7	12	1.7	0.7	0.5		28
29		7.7	12	1.5	0.7	0.5		29
30		7.3	13	1.4	0.7	0.5		30
31			14		0.7	0.5		31
Mean		14.1	15.2	6.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	Mean
Runoff In		838E	936	353	62	36	35	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record  
E Estimated

**TABLE 52**  
**OWL CREEK BELOW ALLEN-ARRECHE DITCH**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1			21	92	38	5.9	2.5	1
2			28	92	35	5.8	2.5	2
3		35*	34	90	32	5.5	2.3	3
4		28	36	107	28	5.3	2.4	4
5		31	33	112	26	5.2	3.2	5
6		28	48	105	25	5.0	3.1	6
7		17	42	97	23	4.5	2.6	7
8		12	37	89	21	4.2	2.5	8
9		10**	33	81	19	4.4	2.5	9
10			35	77	18	4.8	2.5	10
11			38	72	16	4.3	2.6	11
12			44	68	16	3.9	2.6	12
13			53	62	15	3.7	2.5	13
14			62	67	15	3.6	2.4	14
15			75	90	14	3.6	2.4	15
16			61	100	13	3.6	2.3	16
17			55	93	13	3.6	2.2	17
18			44	87	12	3.5	2.2	18
19			42	78	12	3.5	2.2	19
20			45	74	11	3.5	2.3	20
21			35	84	10	3.2	2.2	21
22			31	77	9.5	3.2	2.3	22
23			34	63	8.7	3.2	2.2	23
24			38	47	8.1	3.0	2.2	24
25			43	43	7.9	3.0	2.3	25
26			55	40	7.7	2.9	5.8	26
27			66	40	7.3	2.9	36**	27
28			75	42	6.9	2.9		28
29		19*	103	42	6.5	2.9		29
30		18	101	41	6.5	2.9		30
31			108		6.3	2.6		31
Mean		22.0	50.1	75.0	19.7	3.9	3.6	Mean
Runoff In		383	3084	4470	987	238	204	Runoff In
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record  
\*\* End of Record



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**TABLE 53**  
**RADER CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	<u>March</u> :	<u>April</u> :	<u>May</u> :	<u>June</u> :	<u>July</u> :	<u>August</u> :	<u>September</u> :	Day
1								1
2								2
3								3
4								4
5								5
6								6
7								7
8								8
9								9
10								10
11								11
12								12
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14								14
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20								20
21								21
22								22
23								23
24								24
25								25
26								26
27								27
28								28
29								29
30								30
31								31
Mean								Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

NO RECORD AVAILABLE FOR 1972 SEASON

**TABLE 54**  
**EAGLE CREEK AT EAGLEVILLE**

Day :	<u>March</u> :	<u>April</u> :	<u>May</u> :	<u>June</u> :	<u>July</u> :	<u>August</u> :	<u>September</u> :	Day
1								1
2								2
3								3
4								4
5								5
6								6
7								7
8								8
9								9
10								10
11								11
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15								15
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21								21
22								22
23								23
24								24
25								25
26								26
27								27
28								28
29								29
30								30
31								31
Mean								Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet								Acre-Feet

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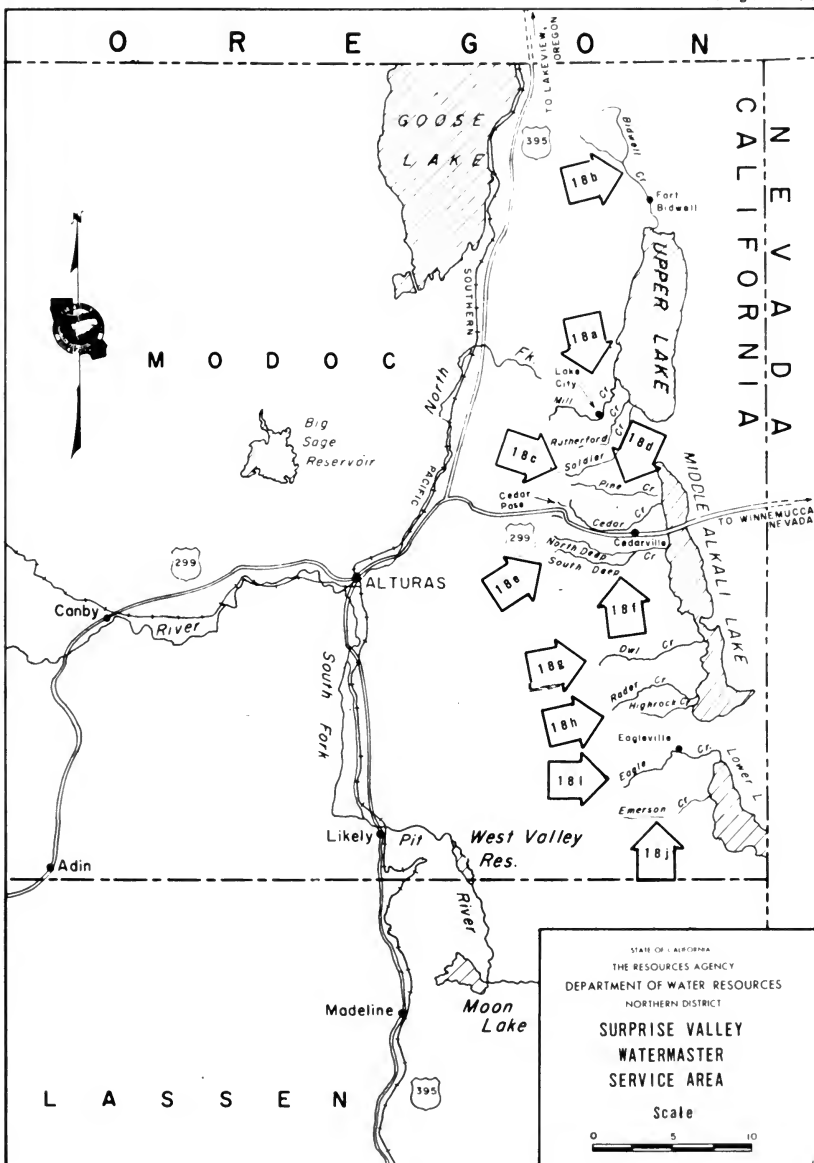
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1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 55**  
**EMERSON CREEK ABOVE ALL DIVERSIONS**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		20*	24	43	11	6.0	4.4	1
2		19	25	41	11	6.0	4.4	2
3		20	27	41	10	5.6	4.1	3
4		22	29	38	8.3	5.6	4.4	4
5		24	30	38	8.3	5.2	4.8	5
6		23	31	38	9.3	4.8	4.4	6
7		22	31	39	9.3	4.8	4.1	7
8		22	30	38	8.7	4.8	3.8	8
9		23	29	35	8.7	4.8	3.8	9
10		24	29	34	8.7	4.8	4.1	10
11		24	30	32	8.7	4.8	4.1	11
12		24	31	32	8.1	4.4	4.1	12
13		23	31	31	8.1	4.4	4.1	13
14		23	32	30	7.5	4.4	4.1	14
15		24	34	27	7.5	4.4	4.1	15
16		24	35	27	7.0	4.4	4.1	16
17		23	34	25	7.0	4.8	4.2	17
18		23	34	24	7.0	4.8	4.2	18
19		23	33	24	7.0	4.4	4.4	19
20		23	30	22	6.5	4.4	4.4	20
21		23	28	21	6.5	4.4	4.3	21
22		23	27	20	6.5	4.4	4.4	22
23		23	27	19	6.5	4.4	4.4	23
24		23	31	18	6.5	4.4	4.5	24
25		23	34	16	6.5	4.4	4.6	25
26		22	35	15	6.0	4.4	5.0	26
27		23	37	14	6.0	4.1	5.0**	27
28		24	39	13	6.0	4.1		28
29		24	42	12	6.0	5.2		29
30		24	42	12	6.0	4.8		30
31			42		6.0	4.8		31
Mean		22.6	32.0	27.3	7.7	4.7	4.3	Mean
Runoff In								Runoff In
Acre-Feet		1360	1970	1624	472	292	231	Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

\*\* End of Record

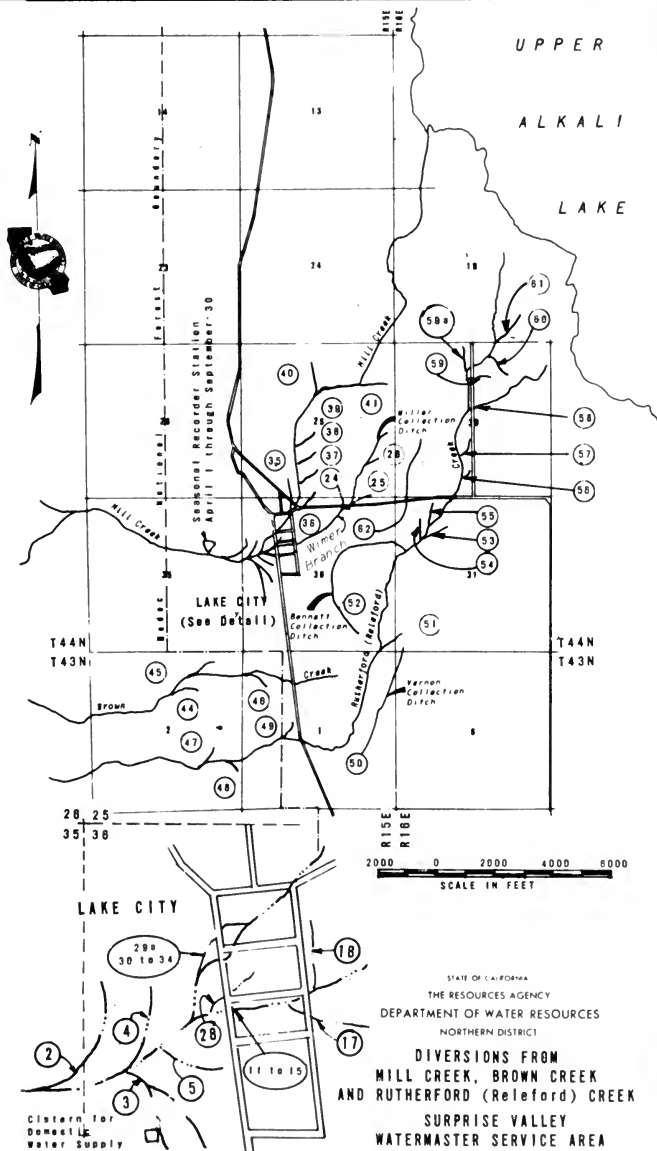


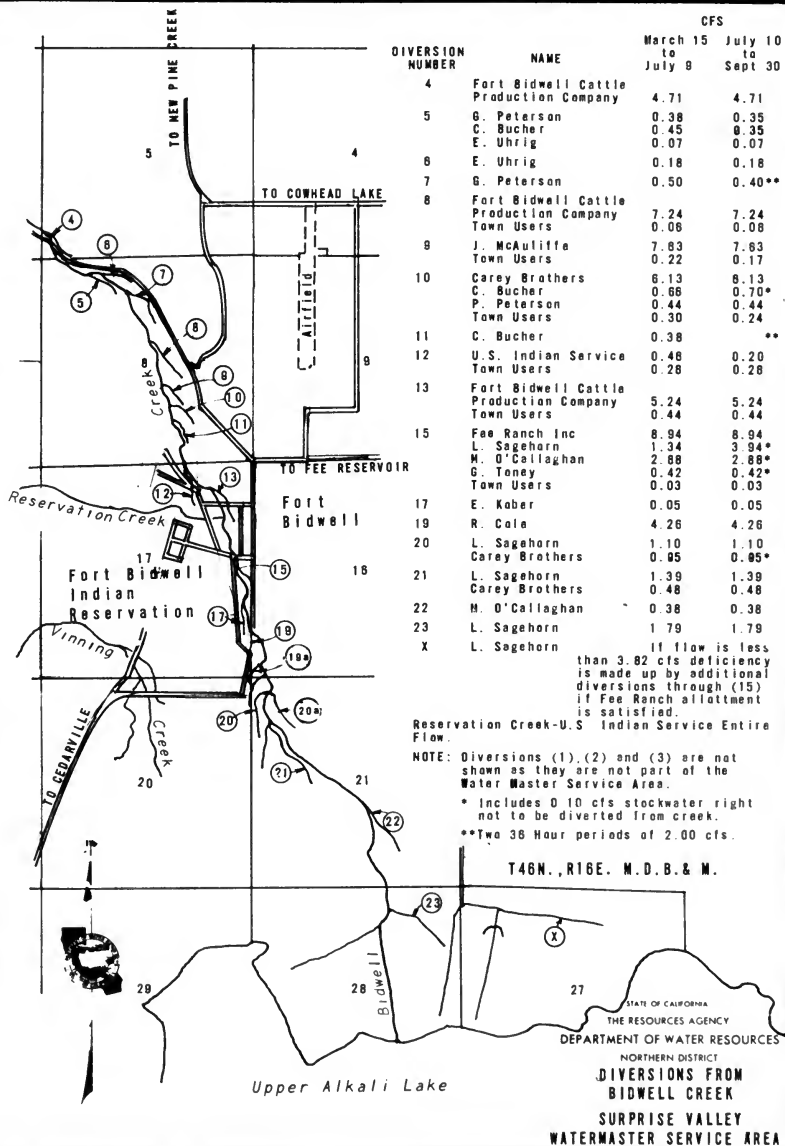
**DIVERSIONS FROM  
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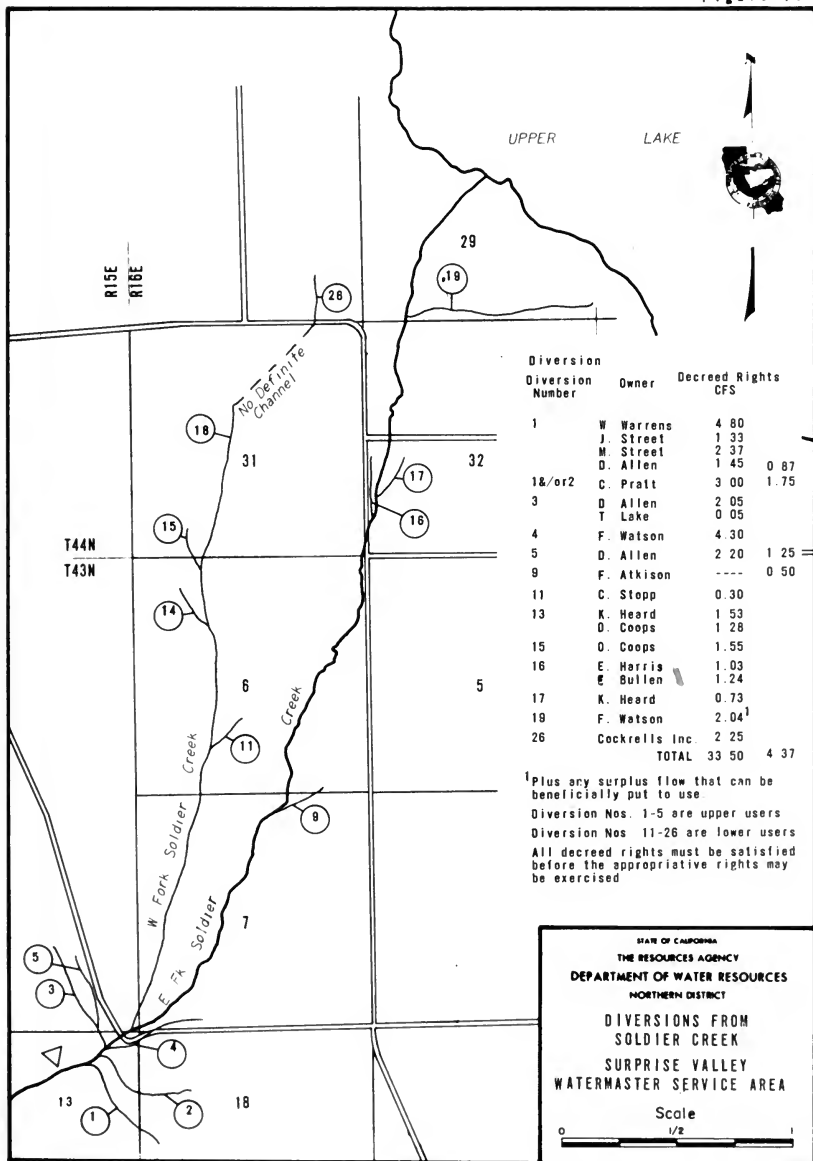
DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
2	C Dixon	0.38
	H Smith	0.24
3	N Bettendorff	1.38
	N McDaniels	0.13
	Domestic Users	0.08
4	J Fogerty	0.30
	M Larson	0.26
5	C Dixon	0.18
11, 12, 13, 15, 28	Town Users	1.92
17	N Bettendorff	2.01
18	Town Users	0.33
20	V Wimer	1.85
24	T Dunton	1.45
26	E Oarsl	1.85
29A, 30 to 34	Town Users	1.62
Channel	Cockrells Inc.	10.30
Channel	G W Warrens	1.85
44, 45 and 46	W Gozell	0.80
47	M Toney	0.01
	W Gozell	0.575
	C Gozell	0.275
	N Bettendorff	0.30
48	F Hedgpeth	0.60
48 and 49	M Toney	1.64
54	Cockrells Inc	0.40
55, 56 and 57	Cockrells Inc	0.75)*
58	Cockrells Inc	0.10)*
58 and 59	W Odbert	0.90)*
59A	Cockrells Inc	0.35)*
61	G W Warrens	0.65
62	S Burger	1.65**
Channel of Rutherford Creek	Cockrells Inc	0.70
		37.13

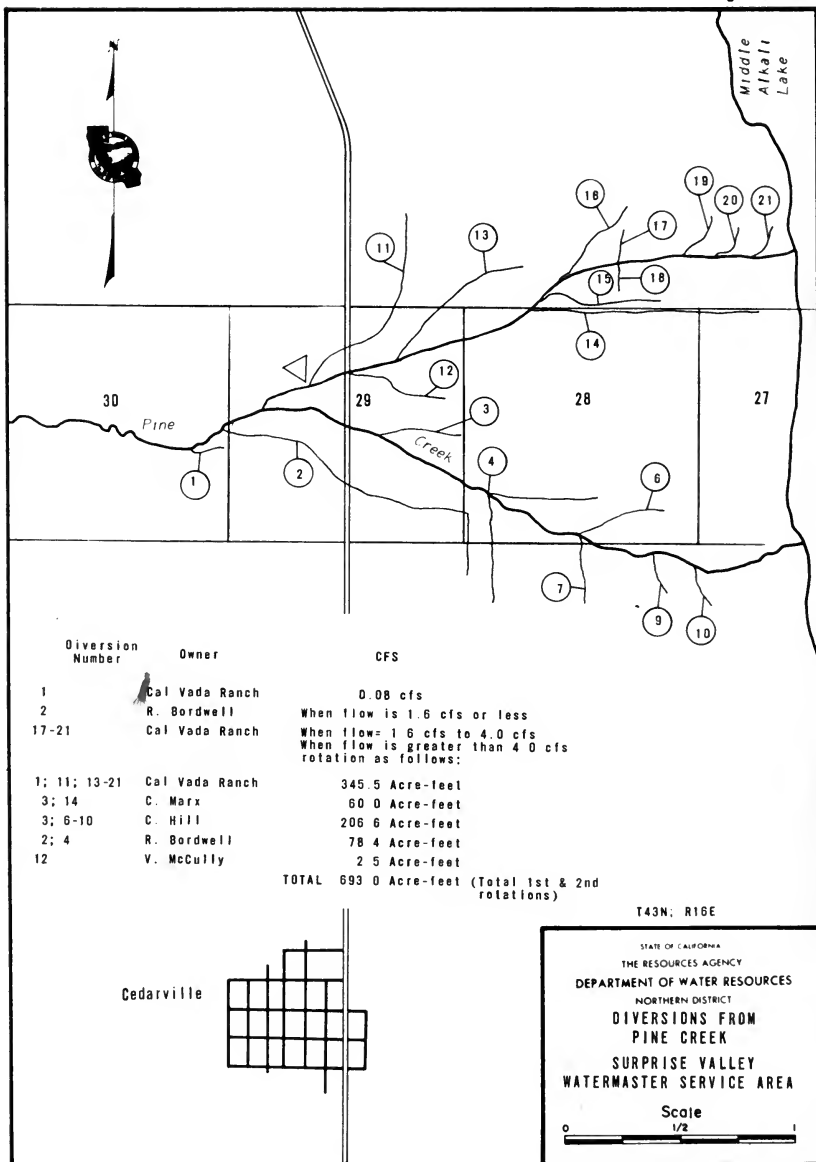
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\*\* Not under Water Master Service





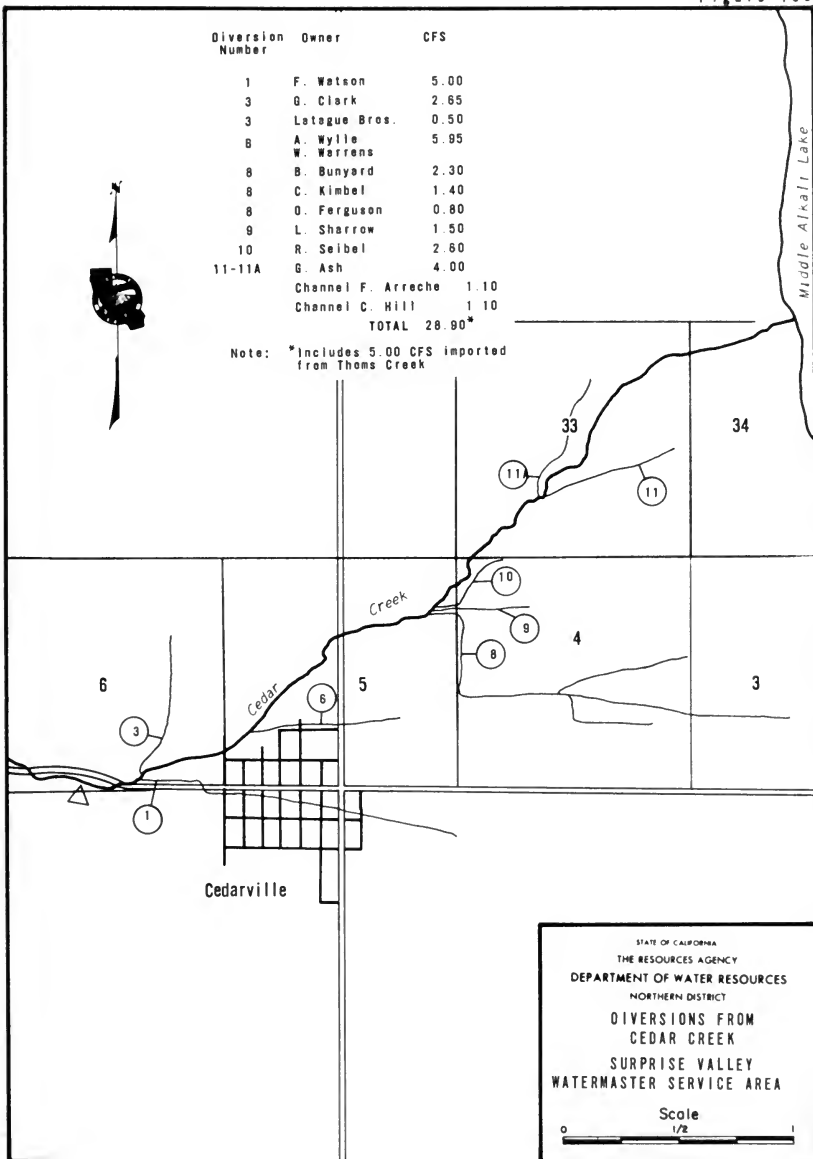


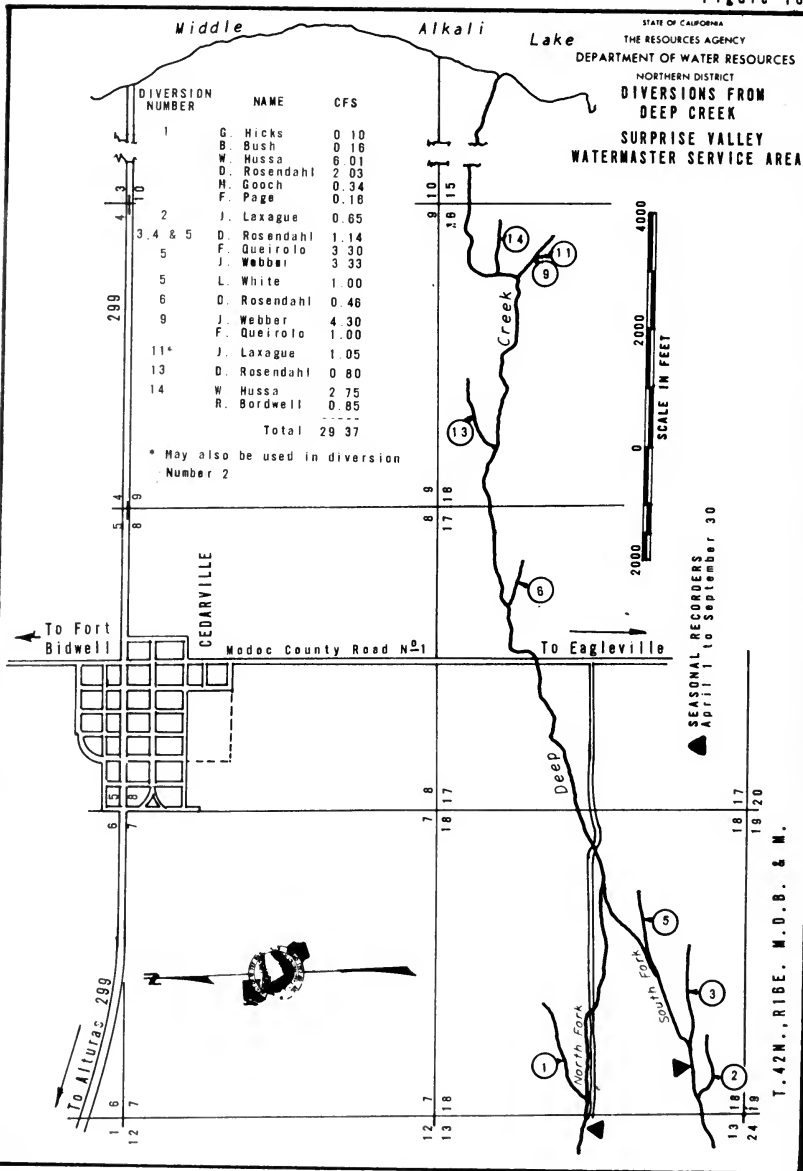




Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
1	F. Watson	5.00
3	G. Clark	2.65
3	Letague Bros.	0.50
8	A. Wylie	5.95
8	W. Warrens	
8	B. Bunyard	2.30
8	C. Kimbel	1.40
8	O. Ferguson	0.80
9	L. Sharrow	1.50
10	R. Seibel	2.60
11-11A	G. Ash	4.00
	Channel F. Arreche	1.10
	Channel C. Hill	1.10
TOTAL		28.90*

Note: \*Includes 5.00 CFS imported from Thoms Creek





Map of the Surprise Valley Watermaster Service Area. The map shows Owl Creek flowing from the west towards the east. Several diversions are marked with numbered circles (1-12) and arrows indicating the diversion point. Key locations include Surprise Valley, Innis Arreche Company, Dalton, Heryford, and a National Forest boundary. A north arrow is located in the top left corner.

Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
1	W Cockrell	2 47
	J Stevenson	1 81
3	E Davis	1 18
	J Stevenson	2 25
4	E Davis	3 14
5	S Stevenson	1 26
	B. Radsbaugh	1 81
	H Stanley	0 99
6 & 8	Cockrell's Inc	17 62
9	E. Berryessa	3 17
12	E Berryessa	5 48
Total		41 70 cfs

Scale of Feet  
0 1000 2000

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DIVERSIONS FROM  
OWL CREEK  
SURPRISE VALLEY  
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Division Number	Owner	CFS
1	W Cockrell	2 47
	J Stevenson	1 81
3	E Davis	1 18
	J Stevenson	2 25
4	E Davis	3 14
5	S Stevenson	1 26
	B. Radsabaugh	1 81
	H Stanley	0 99
6 & 8	Cockrell's Inc	17 62
9	E. Berryessa	3 17
12	E Berryessa	5 48
	Total	41 70 cfs

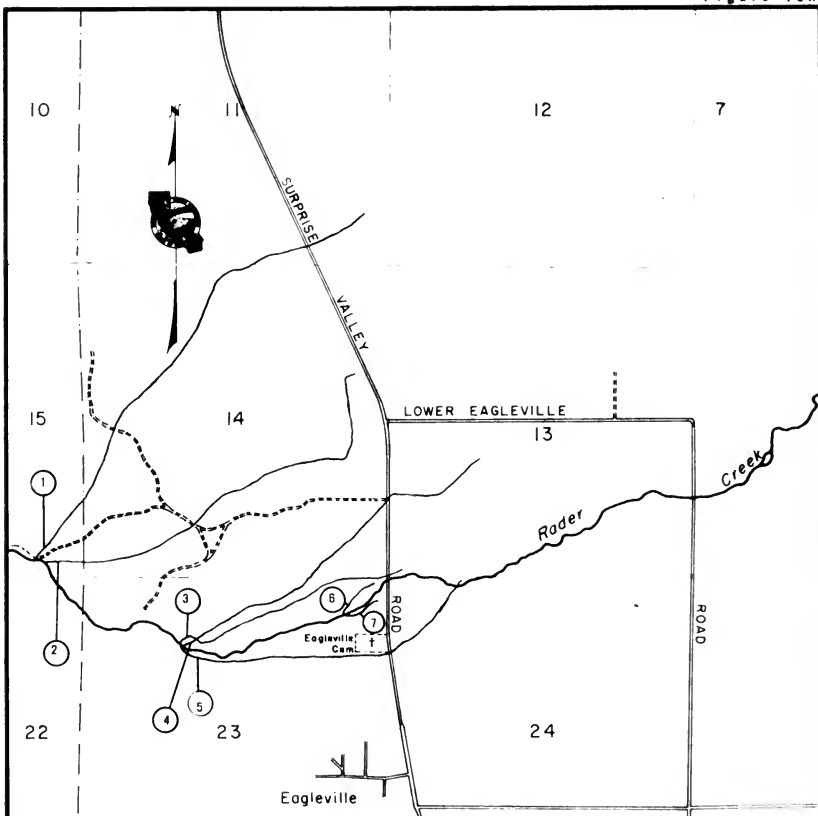
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## DIVERSIONS FROM OWL CREEK

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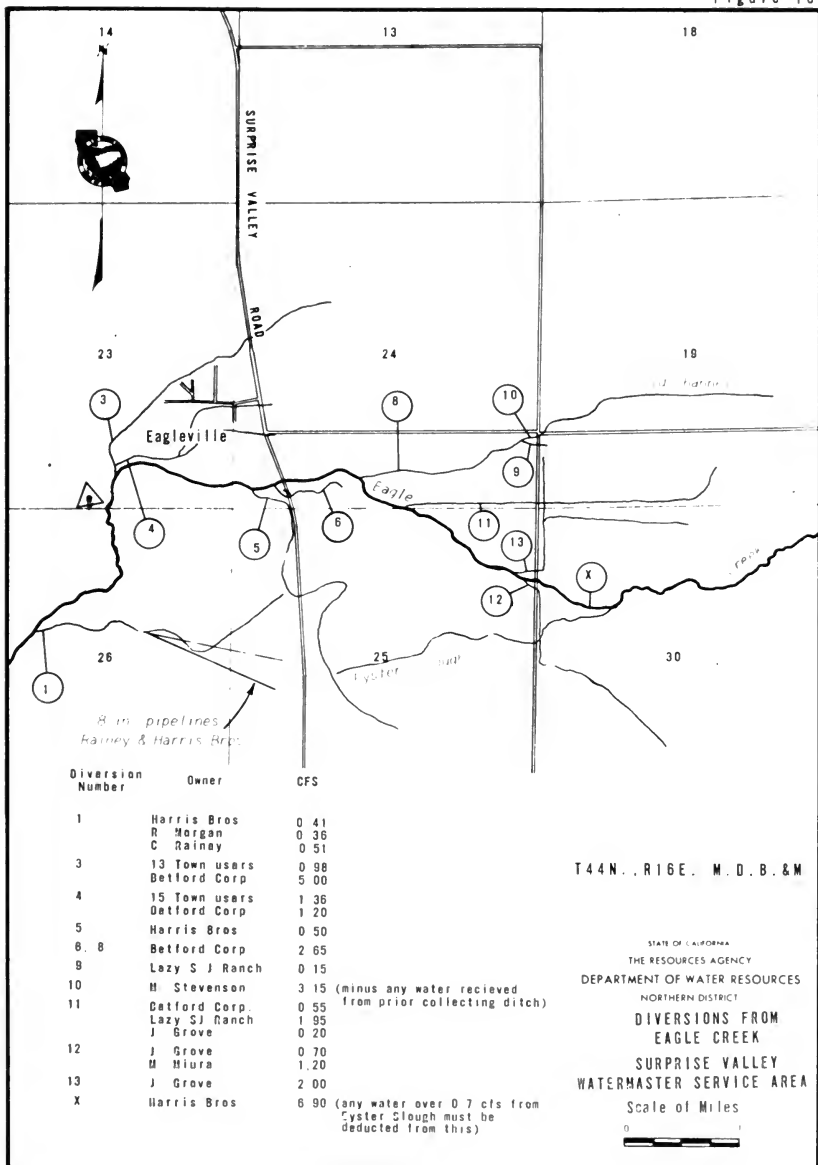


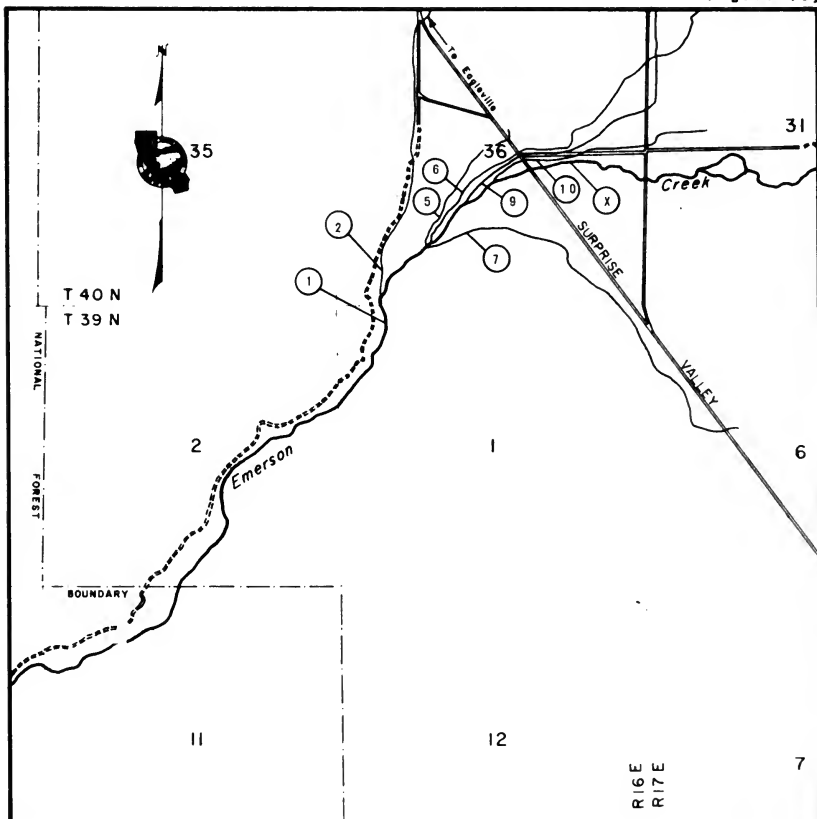
Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
1	L Cockrell	1.7 of total flow from May 20, until water will not reach place of use.
		3.00
2	Lazy S J Ranch Inc	3.50
3	E Minto	2.39
4	Betford Corp.	0.50
5	Betford Corp	2.35
6	C Minetti	0.08
7	R Reeves	0.08
		Total 21.00

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Scale of Feet  
0 1000 2000







Diversion Number	Owner	CFS
1	C Rainey	2 00
2	Harris Bros	2 00
	O Romagnoli	0 20
5	J Bionda	3 30
6	Lazy S J Ranch Inc	0 60
	J Miura	2 25
7	E Berryessa	5 15
9	W Warren	1 60
10	J Espil	1 80
X	D Grove	5 75
TOTAL		24 65

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DIVERSIONS FROM  
EMERSON CREEK  
SURPRISE VALLEY  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

Scale of Feet



## Susan River Watermaster Service Area

The Susan River service area is situated in southern Lassen County in the vicinity of Susanville. The primary area of water use is in Honey Lake Valley between Susanville and the north-west shore of Honey Lake, a distance of about 25 miles. The valley floor is at an elevation of about 4,000 feet. The source of supply is comprised of three stream systems: the Susan River, Baxter Creek, and Parker Creek, with their respective tributaries.

The Susan River originates on the east slope of the Sierra Nevada immediately east of Lassen National Park at an elevation of about 7,900 feet. Its channel runs easterly from Silver Lake through McCoy Flat Reservoir, the town of Susanville, and then to Honey Lake.

The Susan River has four major tributaries: Piute Creek, entering from the north at Susanville; Gold Run and Lassen Creeks, entering from the south between Susanville and Johnstonville; and Willow Creek, entering from the north above Standish. Gold Run and Lassen Creeks rise on the north slope of Diamond Mountain at an elevation of about 7,600 feet. The watersheds of Piute and Willow Creeks are on the south slopes of Round Valley Mountain at lower elevations.

A short distance below its confluence with Willow Creek, the Susan River divides into three channels: Tanner Slough Channel on the north, Old Channel in the middle, and Dill Slough Channel on the south. Hartson Slough and Whitehead Slough divert from Dill Slough on its south bank farther downstream.

The Baxter Creek stream system is in Honey Lake Valley on the east slope of the Sierra Nevada, about 10 miles south-east of Susanville. The principal creeks in the system are: Baxter Creek,

which rises in the extreme western portion of the basin and flows in an easterly direction, and Elesian, Sloss, and Bankhead Creeks, tributaries of Baxter Creek from the south.

Parker Creek is also in Honey Lake Valley on the east slope of the Sierra Nevada, about 15 miles southeast of Susanville. It rises on the east slope of Diamond Mountain and flows in an easterly direction for about 5 miles into Honey Lake.

Maps of the Susan River service area, showing the stream systems, diversions, etc., are presented as Figures 19 through 19f, pages 168 through 174.

### Basis of Service

The waters of Susan River and its tributaries are distributed in accordance with the water rights defined in Decree No. 4573, Lassen County Superior Court, entered on April 18, 1940. Schedule 3 of the decree defines the rights to the use of water from Willow Creek in Willow Creek Valley, Lower Willow Creek, and the Susan River delta below the Colony Dam. Schedule 4 of the decree defines the rights to the use of water from Gold Run, Piute, Hills, Holtzclaw, and Lassen Creeks above their confluence with the Susan River. Schedules 5 and 6 of the decree define the rights to the use of water from the Susan River exclusive of its tributaries. The decree establishes three priority classes each on Susan River and Gold Run Creek, two on Willow Creek, and one each on Piute and Hills Creeks.

The water of Baxter Creek and its tributaries is distributed in accordance with the water rights defined in the statutory adjudication as set forth in Decree No. 8174, Lassen County Superior Court, dated December 15, 1955. Schedule 3 of the decree defines the rights to the use of water from Sloss and Bankhead Creeks and Schedule 4 the rights to the use of water

from Baxter and Elesian Creeks. The Baxter Creek rights are divided into five priority classes.

The water of Parker Creek and its tributaries is distributed in accordance with the water rights defined by a statutory adjudication as set forth in Decree No. 8175, Lassen County Superior Court, dated December 15, 1955. Schedule 3 of the decree defines the rights to the use of water from Parker Creek, with four priority classes.

The Susan River watermaster service area was created by order of the Division of Water Resources on November 10, 1941. The Baxter and Parker Creek stream systems were added to the Susan River service area on February 16, 1956. There are 160 water right owners in the service area with total allotments of 351.732 cubic feet per second.

#### Water Supply

The water supply in the Susan River service area is obtained from two major sources, snowmelt runoff and springs. Snowpack on the Willow Creek Valley and Piute Creek watersheds, which embrace more than one-half of the Susan River stream system, melts early in the spring and is usually depleted by May 1. Irrigation requirements from this portion of the stream system are then almost entirely dependent on the flow of springs that are relatively constant throughout the year.

Under average flow conditions, Lassen, Gold Run, Baxter, and Parker Creeks and the Susan River above Susanville are sustained by snowmelt runoff until early June. The flow from perennial springs in this portion of the system is comparatively small.

The Lassen Irrigation District stores supplemental water in Hog Flat and McCoy Flat Reservoirs, on the headwaters of the Susan River. This stored water is released into the Susan River Channel and commingled with the natural flow,

usually during June and July. It is then rediverted into Lake Leavitt for further distribution by the irrigation district.

Records of daily mean discharge of the several stream gaging stations in the service area are presented in Tables 56 through 60, pages 165 through 167.

#### Method of Distribution

Irrigation in the Susan River service area is accomplished by placing dams in the main channels, thus raising the water level for subsequent diversion into canals and ditches. These diversion dams are relatively large on the Susan River Channel and generally much smaller on the various creeks. Wild flooding is the most common method of irrigation in practice. Portions of the irrigated lands have been leveled, permitting a more efficient use of water by using border checks and furrows. Sub-irrigation occurs in some areas incidental to surface irrigation or as a result of seepage from ditches and creek channels.

The Lassen Irrigation Company is allowed to use its three reservoirs, McCoy Flat, Hog Flat and Lake Leavitt, to store water as follows: (a) between March 1 and July 1 when the flow in the river just above its confluence with Willow Creek is more than 20 cubic feet per second, and (b) at all other times when the flow at the same point is 5 cubic feet per second, in spite of the allotments outlined in Schedules 3, 6, and users of third priority class in Schedule 5 of the Susan River decree.

#### 1972 Distribution

Lester Lighthall, Water Resources Technician II, was assigned as watermaster in the Susan River service area from April 1 until September 30.

The available natural water supply throughout the service area was about 90 percent of average. The cool spring weather delayed much of the runoff which,



along with a rain in the middle of May, contributed to a fair irrigation season.

**Parker Creek.** The available water supply in Parker Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (four priorities) until May 25. From May 25 to June 25 the flow decreased rapidly to first priority allotments. From June 25 throughout the remainder of the season only first priority allotments were served.

**Baxter Creek.** The available water supply was sufficient to satisfy third priority allotments (five priorities) until May 20. The flow decreased from May 20 to June 10 when approximately 60 percent of second priority allotments were supplied. The flow at Diversion 75 dropped to 1 cubic foot per second on June 24. In accordance with the decree, all of the flow at this point was diverted into Long ditch for stockwater use. From June 24 for the remainder of the season only stockwater allotments were served.

**Lassen-Holtzclaw Creeks.** The available water supply in Lassen-Holtzclaw Creeks was sufficient to meet all allotments (two priorities) until May 27. The flow decreased to first priority allotments on June 15. From June 15 throughout the remainder of the season the Tangeman Ranch was entitled to all of the water available in the stream.

**Hills Creek.** The available water supply in Hills Creek was sufficient to supply all allotments (one priority) until May 25, and all storage facilities on Hills Creek were filled by this date. First priority water declined until August 8 when only stockwater was available to the Amesbury Ranch.

**Gold Run Creek.** The available water supply in Gold Run Creek was sufficient to supply allotments (three priorities) until May 20. Between May 20 and July 1, the flow decreased steadily. After July 1, the flow remained reasonably

constant at about 10 percent of second priority allotments.

**Piute Creek.** The available water supply in Piute Creek was sufficient to satisfy all allotments (one priority) and provide a small surplus flow to the Susan River throughout the season.

**Willow Creek.** The available water supply in Willow Creek was sufficient to supply all allotments (two priorities) throughout the season.

**Susan River.** The available water supply in the Susan River was sufficient to supply all allotments in Schedule 6 (three priorities) until May 27. As the flow receded, Schedule 6 was terminated for the season. All allotments in Schedule 3 (three priorities - Lower Susan River) were satisfied until June 10. Throughout the remainder of the season there was enough water for about 40 percent of second priority allotments in this schedule.

All allotments in Schedule 5 (three priorities - Upper Susan River area) were satisfied until June 10. The flow receded until July 1 when there was enough water for about 15 percent of the second priority allotments. Throughout the remainder of the season the flow remained constant.

#### **Lassen Irrigation Company Reservoirs.**

The Susan River decree allows the Lassen Irrigation Company's McCoy Flat and Lake Leavitt Reservoirs to store surplus water during the winter and spring months. Once filled, or if a shortage occurs among downstream water right owners, the natural flow in the Susan River above McCoy Flat Reservoir must be released.

During spring runoff these two reservoirs filled to capacity. Shortages began to occur in mid-May and the company requested that its releases to Lake Leavitt from Hog Flat Reservoir begin. Controlled releases began on May 18 and continued until June 18, at which time Hog Flat Reservoir

was emptied. Releases from McCoy Flat Reservoir began on June 19 and continued until August 10, at which time McCoy Flat Reservoir was emptied.

### Special Occurrences

On May 11, an upright timber in the dam at R. C. Roberts' diversion 46 broke, but no damage to the downstream users resulted.

Two days later, an upright timber in the dam at Davis' diversions 36 to 39 broke, with only minor damage to R. C. Roberts' dam which had just been repaired. The Davis dam was not used the rest of the season.

On June 22 an upright timber in the dam at diversion 41, which is owned by the

Lassen Irrigation District, broke with no damage to the downstream users. Repairs were made and water was again diverted into the A & B Canal within a few hours.

Repairs on the R. C. Roberts dam along with a new Parshall flume were completed in October.

Repairs on Mahle Dam were completed in the spring of 1973.

A new headwall and control gate, along with a measuring weir, were completed in October for Ed Garza on Lower Baxter Creek.

Work was started on a new structure on Bankhead Creek for Ashmore Ranch and should be completed this winter.

**SUSAN RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

**TABLE 58**  
**SUSAN RIVER AT SUSANVILLE**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	223	101	84	135	89	114	4.9	1
2	260	110	95	117	90	112	6.8	2
3	483	117	100	108	92	108	7.3	3
4	453	138	103	92	95	105	7.9	4
5	378	313	107	82	93	100	11	5
6	314	325	109	78	91	93	8.2	6
7	292	238	103	72	91	87	8.2	7
8	270	195	98	68	90	73	6.6	8
9	285	172	91	60	88	34	6.6	9
10	358	155	88	63	87	21	6.4	10
11	322	182	86	53	88	15	7.6	11
12	296	182	84	48	88	12	12	12
13	284	156	83	41	79	9.7	15	13
14	261	150	86	35	68	10	13	14
15	230	157	87	30	85	9.1	10	15
16	220	157	86	28	102	8.8	8.4	16
17	230	143	84	26	121	9.7	7.0	17
18	237	129	76	23	119	8.2	6.3	18
19	207	120	137	21	118	5.6	6.1	19
20	187	114	171	97	116	4.8	6.1	20
21	181	110	142	103	120	5.8	6.1	21
22	196	110	135	99	125	7.6	6.2	22
23	175	109	148	94	130	12	6.6	23
24	159	114	146	92	133	8.5	7.6	24
25	200	106	142	91	133	5.7	9.5	25
26	152	98	141	90	132	4.3	11	26
27	135	97	139	91	128	5.2	14	27
28	123	103	144	91	125	5.2	18	28
29	115	100	146	90	123	5.3	19	29
30	105	95	142	89	122	5.3	21	30
31	101		141		118	5.3		31
Mean	240	145	114	73.4	106	32.6	8.5	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet	14740	8640	7010	4370	6490	2000	564	Runoff in Acre-Feet

**TABLE 57**  
**GOLD RUN CREEK NEAR SUSANVILLE**

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		9.1*	15	19	2.7	1.6	1.4	1
2		9.1	18	18	2.8	1.6	1.5	2
3		9.3	20	17	2.4	1.6	1.5	3
4		9.3	22	14	2.4	1.6	1.6	4
5		20	24	13	2.3	1.6	1.7	5
6		24	25	12	2.2	1.6	1.8	6
7		19	25	12	2.1	1.6	1.8	7
8		15	25	11	2.0	1.6	1.6	8
9		14	25	10	1.9	1.6	1.6	9
10		13	24	10	1.8	1.6	1.6	10
11		13	24	9.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	11
12		12	24	9.3	1.9	1.5	1.7	12
13		11	24	7.8	1.9	1.5	1.7	13
14		11	26	7.3	1.9	1.5	1.7	14
15		11	28	7.0	1.8	1.5	1.8	15
16		11	29	6.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	16
17		11	29	6.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	17
18		11	29	5.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	18
19		11	29	5.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	19
20		11	29	5.4	1.8	1.6	1.6	20
21		11	22	5.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	21
22		11	20	5.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	22
23		11	19	4.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	23
24		12	19	3.9	1.7	1.5	1.6	24
25		12	18	3.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	25
26		12	17	3.3	1.7	1.5	1.6	26
27		13	17	3.1	1.7	1.4	1.7	27
28		15	18	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.7	28
29		16	19	2.9	1.6	1.4	1.8	29
30		16	20	2.8	1.6	1.4	1.7	30
31			19		1.6	1.4		31
Mean		12.8	22.7	8.2	1.9	1.5	1.6	Mean
Runoff in Acre-Feet		781	1400	486	116	95	96	Runoff in Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

**SUSAN RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

TABLE 58  
SUSAN RIVER AT JOHNSTONVILLE BRIDGE

Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1		**	38E	58	1.9	1.3	0.5	1
2			43E	55	2.1	1.3	0.6	2
3			45E	51	2.2	1.3	0.5	3
4			47E	41	2.1	1.3	0.5	4
5			49E	35	2.1	1.3	0.5	5
6			53E	33	2.2	1.3	0.6	6
7			55E	31	2.2	1.3	0.5	7
8			56E	29	1.7	0.9	0.5	8
9			45E	28	1.7	0.7	0.5	9
10			42E	27	1.8	0.6	0.5	10
11			80E	26	1.8	0.6	0.6	11
12			81E	24	2.0	0.5	0.7	12
13			109E	21	1.9	0.4	0.8	13
14		**	68E	16	1.8	0.3	0.7	14
15		98*	66E	11	1.8	0.4	0.6	15
16	94		64E	8.2	1.7	0.4	0.6	16
17	85		68E	6.8	1.7	0.5	0.6	17
18	79		70E	5.4	1.7	0.5	0.6	18
19	66		79E	4.9	1.7	0.5	0.6	19
20	55		105E	4.5	1.8	0.4	0.6	20
21	47		95E	58	1.9	0.5	0.6	21
22	44		76E	3.0	1.8	0.6	0.6	22
23	39E		78E	2.8	1.7	0.6	0.6	23
24	41E		85E	2.3	1.7	0.5	0.6	24
25	37E		80E	2.7	1.7	0.4	0.7	25
26		36E	74E	2.7	1.5	0.3	0.7	26
27		34E	70E	2.6	1.5	0.4	0.7	27
28		38E	64	2.5	1.4	0.4	0.8	28
29		37E	63	2.4	1.3	0.4	0.9	29
30		35E	60	2.3	1.3	0.6	1.0	30
31			60		1.3	0.5		31
Mean			66.0	19.6	1.8	0.7	0.6	Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet			4062	1190	109	42	37	Acre-Feet

\* Beginning of Record

\*\* Mean daily flow from April 1 to April 14 was in excess of 100 cfs.

E Estimated mean daily flow from April 23 to May 27.

TABLE 59  
WILLOW CREEK NEAR SUSANVILLE

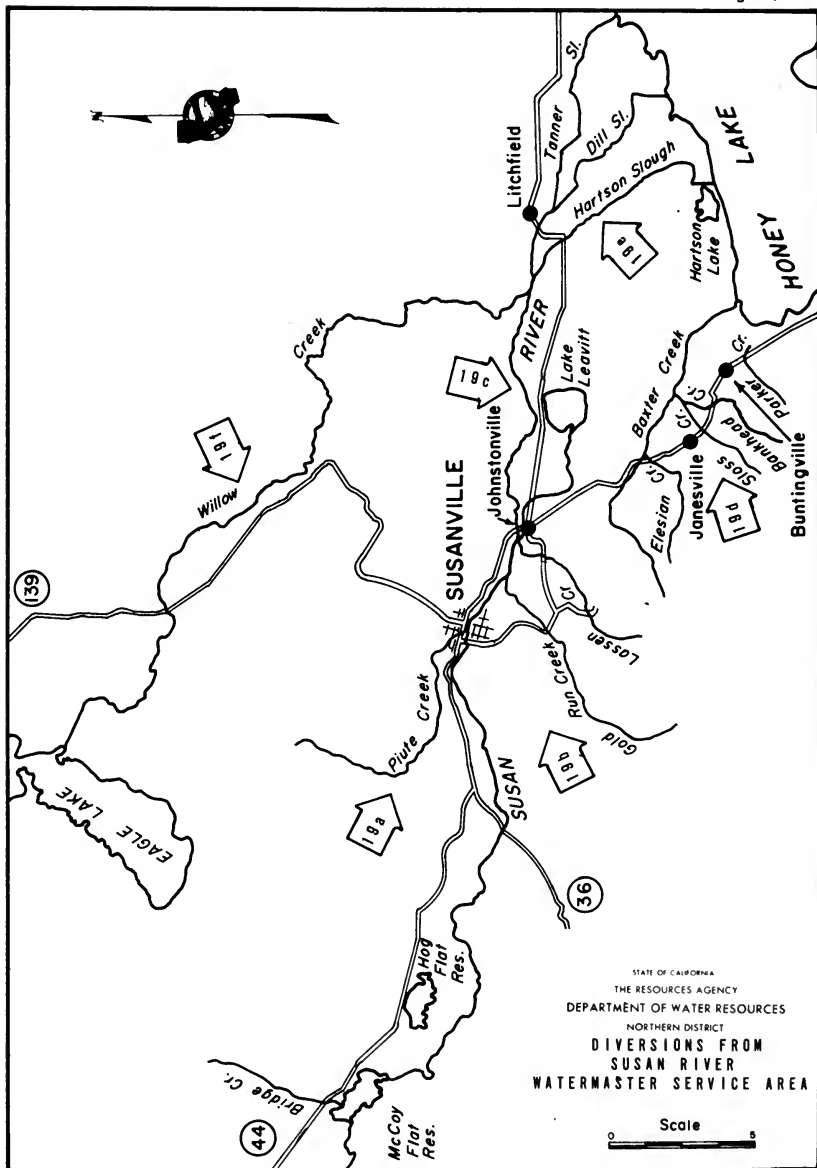
Day :	March :	April :	May :	June :	July :	August :	September :	Day
1	123	38	22	14	14	19	13	1
2	117	37	20	14	15	19	13	2
3	116	35	20	14	16	19	13	3
4	106	35	18	14	16	19	13	4
5	94	34	16	14	16	20	14	5
6	85	34	16	14	15	20	14	6
7	77	27	16	13	14	18	15	7
8	71	26	15	13	13	18	16	8
9	66	28	14	14	13	18	17	9
10	67	26	14	17	13	18	20	10
11	63	27	15	19	13	14	29	11
12	59	30	16	16	13	13	31	12
13	57	34	17	16	13	12	30	13
14	55	37	17	17	15	12	28	14
15	52	35	16	16	22	12	25	15
16	50	28	15	16	19	12	23	16
17	48	34	15	16	19	13	17	17
18	47	35	15	15	18	13	16	18
19	45	33	15	14	22	13	15	19
20	43	33	18	14	23	13	15	20
21	42	28	22	13	19	13	15	21
22	27	26	25	13	19	13	15	22
23	26	21	26	14	23	13	15	23
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25	24	28	24	14	21	13	15	25
26	25	31	22	14	18	12	21	26
27	42	26	20	14	17	12	28	27
28	42	20	17	14	16	13	31	28
29	42	19	16	13	15	13	32	29
30	40	21	15	14	19	12	33	30
31	39		14		19	13		31
Mean	58.5	29.7	18.0	14.6	17.1	14.7	16.0	Mean
Runoff in								Runoff in
Acre-Feet	3600	1770	1100	867	1050	904	1180	Acre-Feet

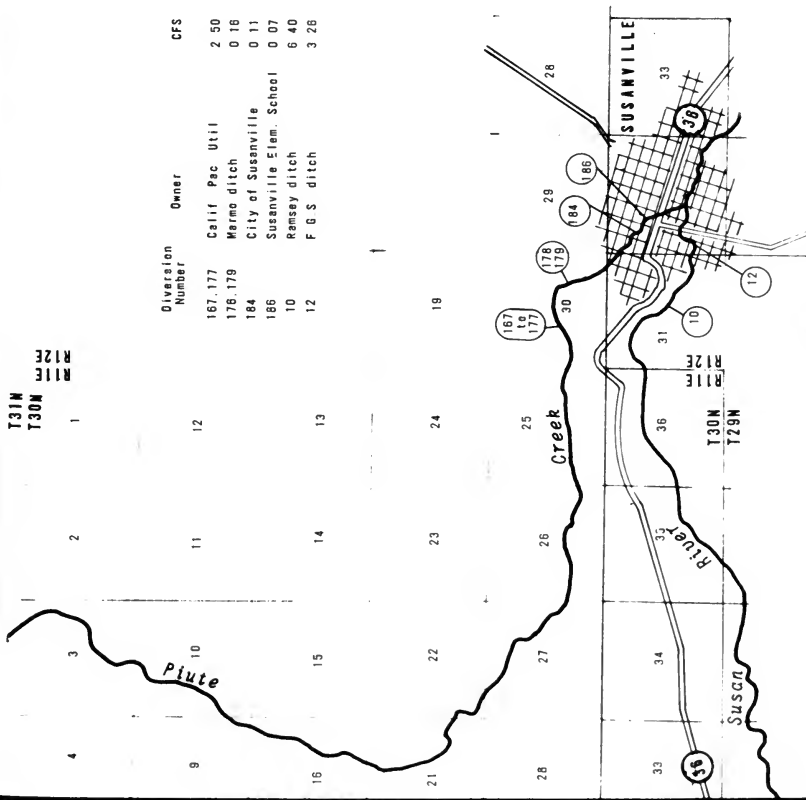
**SUSAN RIVER WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA**  
1972 Daily Mean Discharge in Cubic Feet Per Second

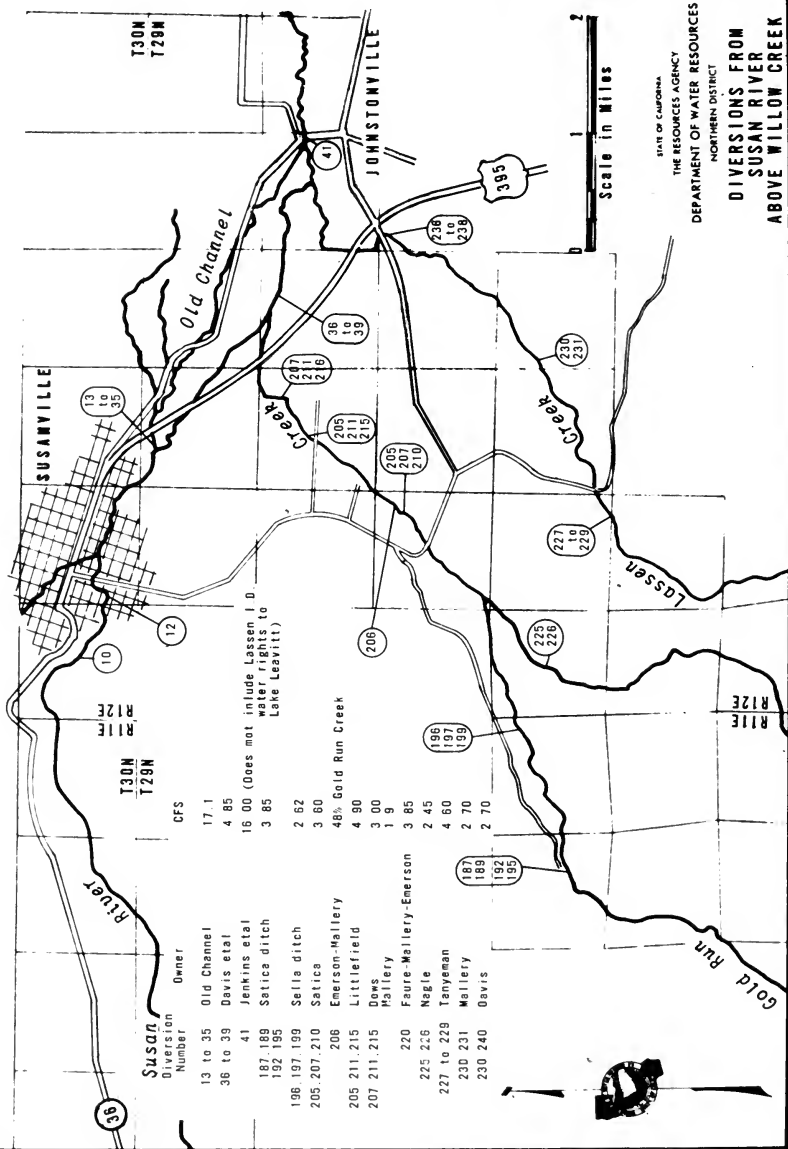
TABLE 80  
OPERATION OF MCCOY AND HOG FLAT RESERVOIRS

McCoy Flat Res.			McCoy Flat Res.			Hog Flat Res.			Transfer of Lassen Irrig. Dist.			
Inflow from			Releases to			Releases to			Water from McCoy Flat and			
Susan River			Susan River			Susan River			Hog Flat Res. to Lake Levitt			
Day	May	June	June	July	August	May	June	May	June	July	August	Day
1		21		86	110		48		47	54	84	1
2		20		88	107		45		44	71	83	2
3		18		86	105		43		41	72	83	3
4		17		85	101		40		39	72	82	4
5		16		84	97		36		36	72	91	5
6		14		83	92		32		33	72	89	6
7		13		81	81		27		30	70	83	7
8		11		80	28		23		28	69	75	8
9		9.3		79	7.6		20		25	66	31	9
10		7.5		78	2.6		17		21	64	11	10
11		5.4		79			14		15	63	4.7	11
12		3.5		74			11		10	64	4.3	12
13		2.2		78			9.0		7.0	71	2.8	13
14		1.0		100			7.0		5.0	85		14
15				116			4.0		3.0	101		15
16				112			3.0		2.0	109		16
17				110			2.0		1.0	118		17
18				110		30 <sup>3</sup>	1.0		0.0	102		18
19			50 <sup>3</sup>	113		58		30 <sup>1</sup>	0.0	89		19
20			97	118		58		58	56	104		20
21			91	126		58		58	69	109		21
22			90	125		57		58	43	110		22
23			89	124		58		58	70	112		23
24			88	124		58		58	73	111		24
25			88	125		58		58	73	111		25
26			87	124		57		58	72	109		26
27	31 <sup>1</sup>		87	122		58		57	55	109		27
28	29		87	118		58		61	41	81		28
29			86	114		56		57	39	70		29
30			86	113		54		55	39	75		30
31				112		51		54		78		31
Mean	27.0	11.4	65.5	102	73.1	54.6	21.2	55.3	36.3	65.8	58.0	Mean
Runoff in	268	315	2040	6280	1450	1530	758	1428	2020	5280	1500	Runoff in
Acres-Feet												Acres-Feet

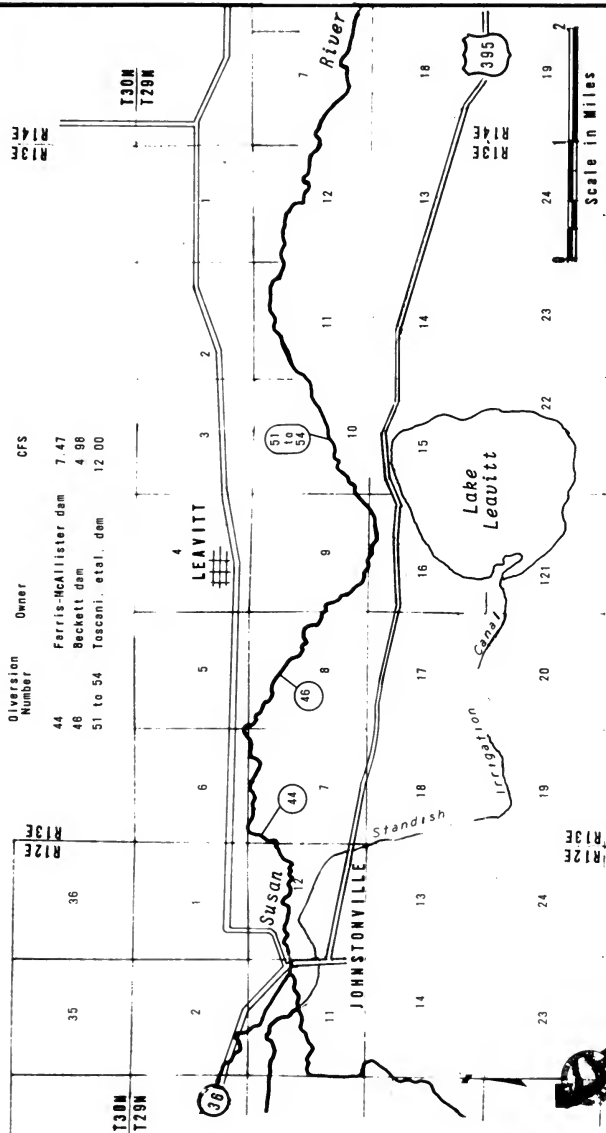
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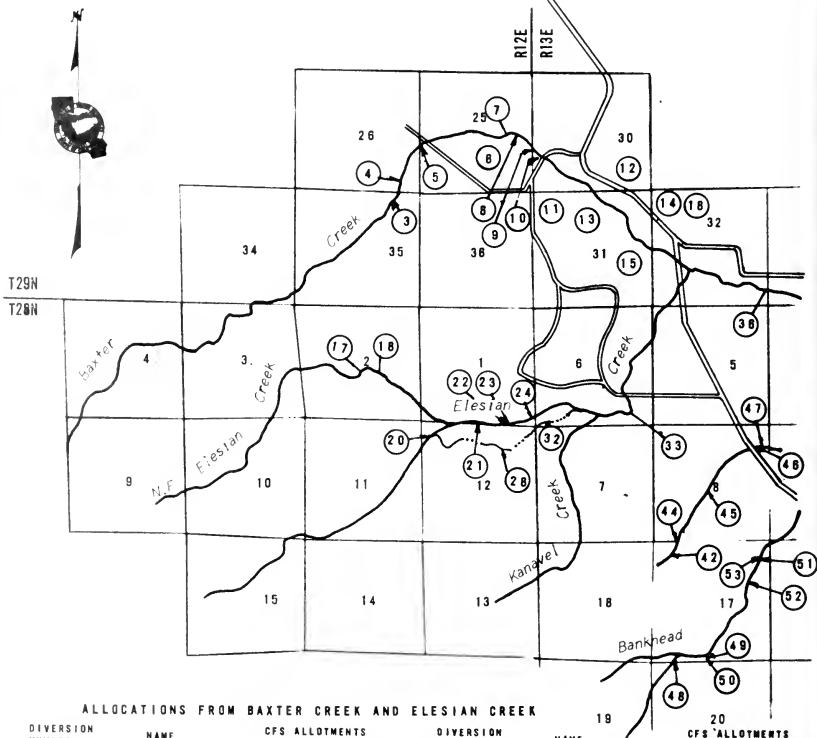
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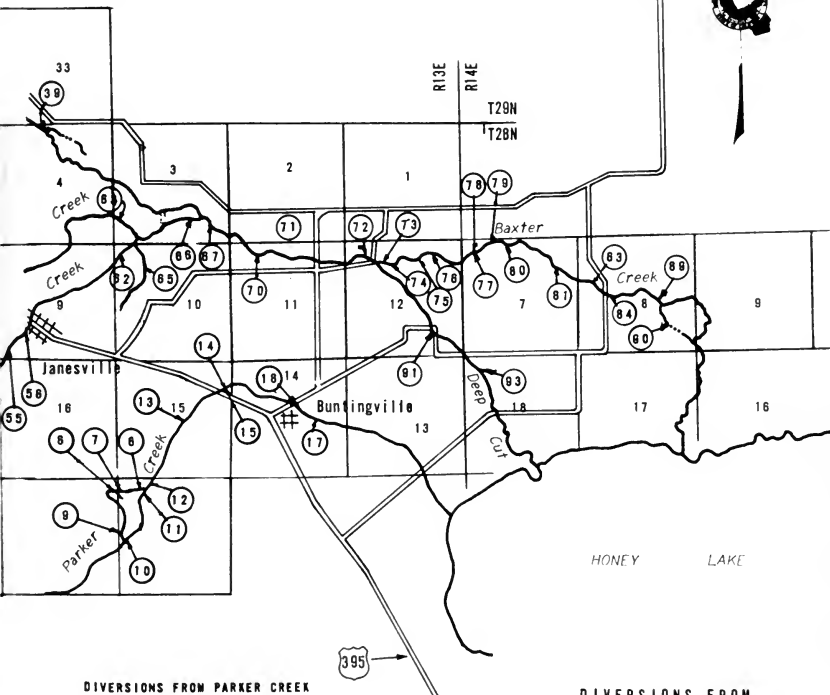
# ALLOCATIONS FROM BAXTER CREEK AND ELESIAN CREEK

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS ALLOTMENTS
		First Second Third
3, 4, 5	Ellena	2 50
6, 7, 8, 10	Gray Eagle Corp.	0 68 0 20
11	Burnett, Baker	0 20
8, 9, 10, 12	Griffen	2 80 0 43
8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Melton	2 52 0 97
18	Gray Eagle Corp.	0 10 0 42
17, 18	Jack	0 18
17, 21, 26, 27	Bass	4 10
17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 33	Kanavel	2 82
17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 33	Kanavel	4 58
36, 39	Peterson	1 42
70	Ahern	0 02

DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS ALLOTMENTS
		First Second Third
71, 72	A & K Company	0 02 1 68
75, 77, 78, 80	A & K Company	0 84
78	A & K Company	1 05
81, 83	A & K Company	2 88
73, 75	Garza	0 80 0 28
74, 78	Slipsey	0 88
	Hemphill	0 98
75, 77	Oster	1 55 0 40
75, 77, 80	Oster	0 30
77, 78	Mulroney	0 80 0 80
78	Mulroney	0 67
78	Bumings	0 15
81, 83	Blankenship	0 50
84, 80	Triami Cattle Company	1 80
85, 88	Damon Mc Donald	1 80

## ALLOCATIONS FROM SLOSS AND BANKHEAD CREEKS

DIVERSIONS NUMBER	NAME	CFS ALLOTMENTS		
		First	Second	Third
42	Bowman	0	02	
44	Thornton	0	002	
45	Spore	0	00	
48	Grover	0	10	3 10
48 47	Peterson	0	10	3 10
48 48 30	Row	0	02	0 13
51	Holmes Pipeline	0	00	
52 53 55	Pyle	0	00	
58 62	Ashmore	0	25	3 23
63 65	Thomason	0	05	0 30
66 67	Fritte	0	00	0 20

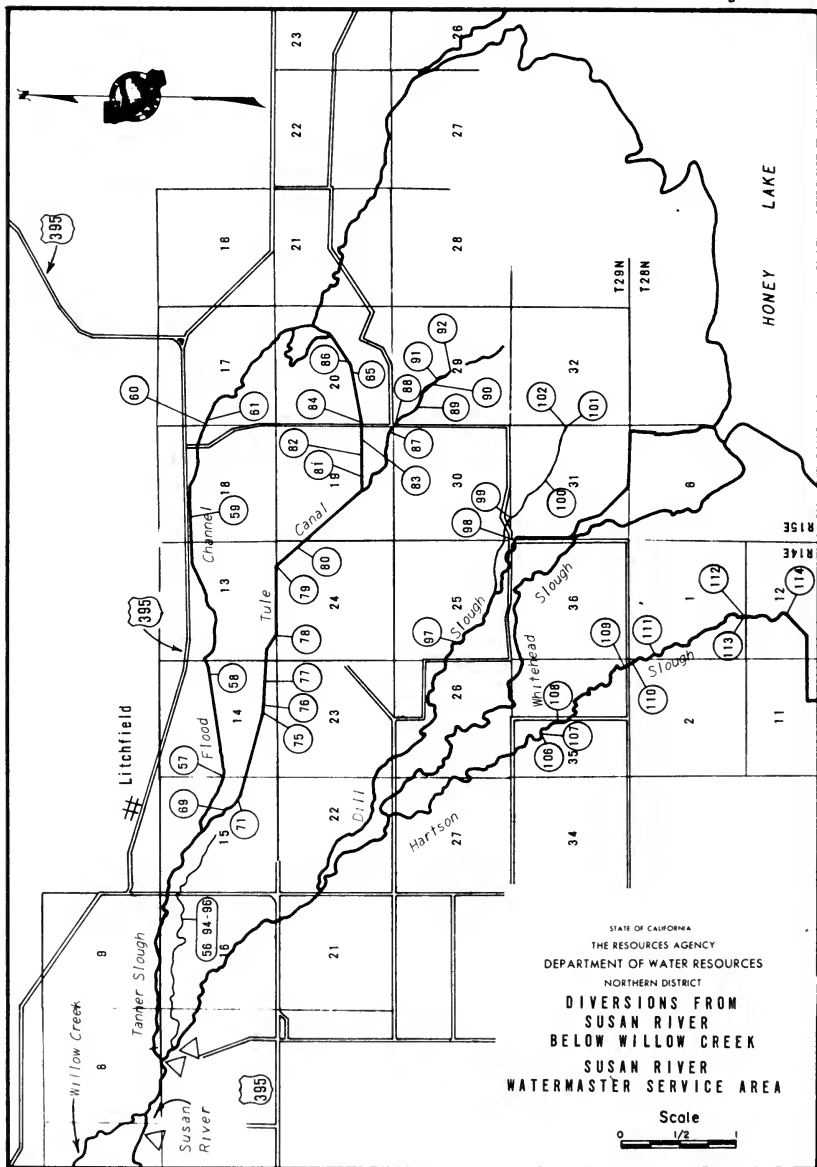


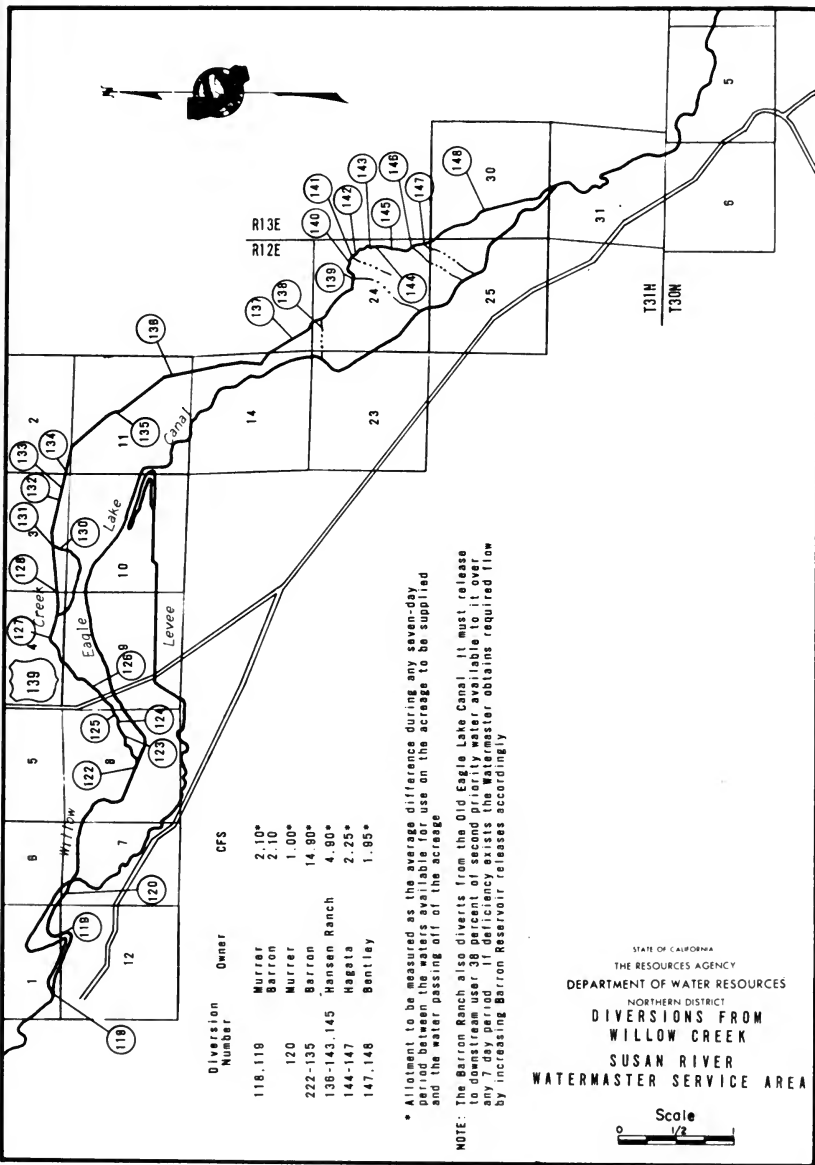
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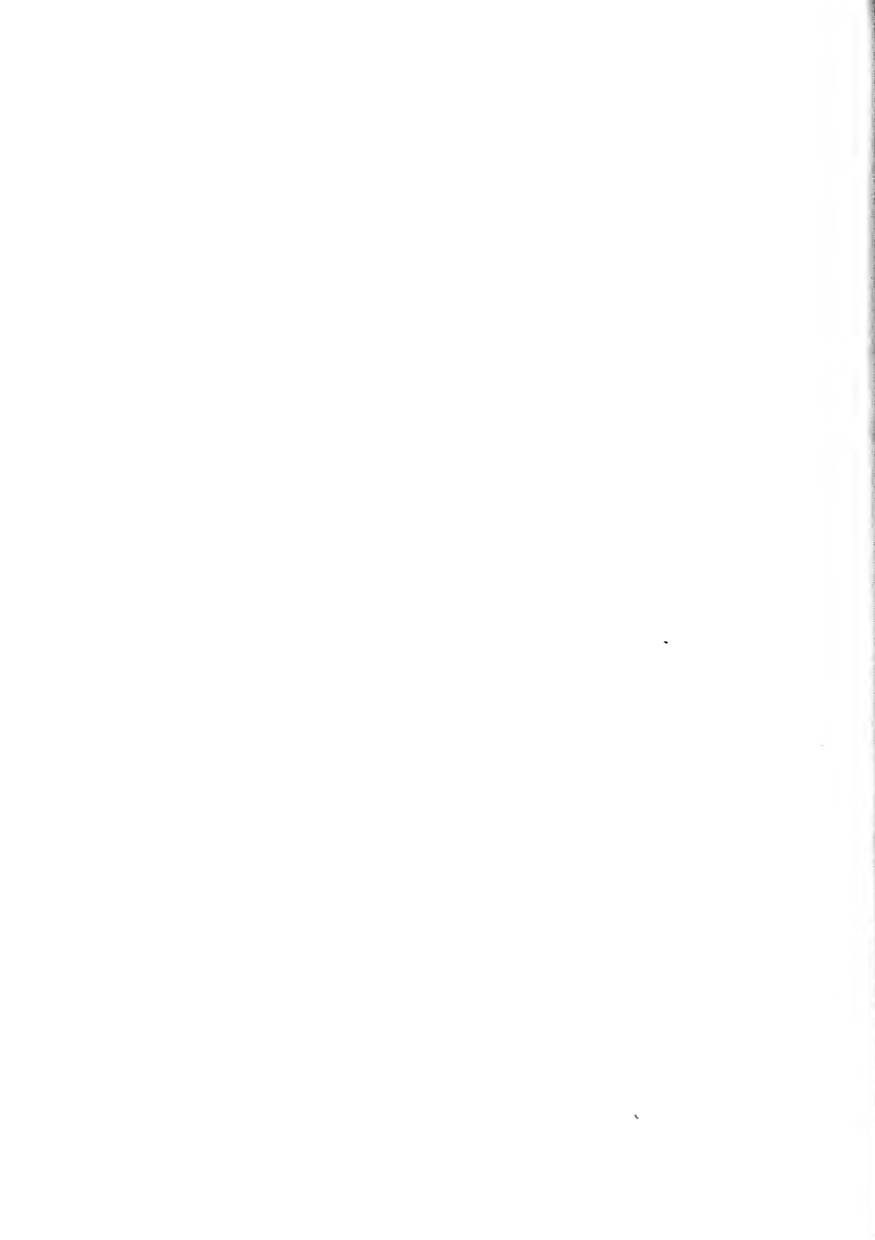
DIVERSION NUMBER	NAME	CFS
5 to 12	George	0 80
13 to 15	Hoffman	3 26
15	Booe	1 38
16 & 17	Bolley	2 00

DIVERSIONS FROM  
BAXTER CREEK  
AND  
PARKER CREEK  
SUSAN RIVER  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA









## Willow Creek Watermaster Service Area

The Willow Creek service area is situated in Siskiyou County, about 10 miles northeast of Montague. A map showing the Willow Creek stream system, the diversions, and the principal roads in the area is presented in Figure 20, page 179. Willow Creek is the major source of water supply and rises on the west slope of 7,800-foot Willow Creek Mountain east of the service area. It then flows in a northwesterly direction through about 11 miles of rolling hills to its confluence with the Klamath River. The service area is about 8 miles long by 1 mile wide and varies in elevation between about 2,600 and 4,000 feet.

### Basis of Service

Willow Creek has had a long history of litigation. However, the present basis of service might be said to have been initiated in 1949 when a civil suit was referred to the Department of Public Works, Division of Water Resources, to act as referee. The matter was never finalized by a decree. The issues involved were reopened in 1971, and by Decree No. 24482, dated April 28, 1972, the Siskiyou County Superior Court appointed the Department of Water Resources to supervise distribution of water in accordance with an earlier agreement between the users defining their respective rights. Accordingly, the Willow Creek watermaster service area was created on June 22, 1972, and service began on July 1, 1972.

There are three water users in the service area. Distribution is on a fractional basis until the flow drops to a specified amount below the upper two users. At that time, the total flow is rotated between the upper two users.

### Water Supply

The main source of water supply of the Willow Creek stream system is from the

melting of snow which accumulates at high elevations on the drainage area during the winter months. The spring flow from the melting snow begins late in March or early April and is almost entirely gone prior to June 1. Thereafter the flow decreases rapidly until about July 1. From that date up to the time fall rains begin, the flow remains at a more or less sustained low-flow stage sufficient for domestic and stockwatering purposes on the two upper ranches only.

### Method of Distribution

Both sprinkler and flood irrigation are used in the Willow Creek service area. The upper water user has the option of using gravity diversions for either flood or sprinkler irrigation. The middle user relies entirely on flood irrigation by both of these users. Diversion is accomplished by diverting water into the ditches by temporary rock or gravel dams. The lower user in the area utilizes both flood and sprinkler irrigation during the early season when the supply is abundant. As the supply dwindles, the remaining water is pumped from a sump to the sprinkler system.

### 1972 Distribution

Watermaster service in the Willow Creek service area began on July 1 and continued until September 30. George H. Pape, Associate Engineer, Water Resources, was watermaster during this period.

Since this was the first year that this creek was under watermaster service, there are no records for a basis of comparison of this year's water supply with an average. However, the water users indicated that the supply was somewhat below average.

At the beginning of July there was sufficient water to distribute to all three users according to their fractional

allotments. On July 10 distribution was started on a 5-day rotation between the two upper users since the lower user

could no longer put his allotment to beneficial use. This rotation was continued for the remainder of the season.



Diversion  
Number      Owner

1A      Guardia Pipeline

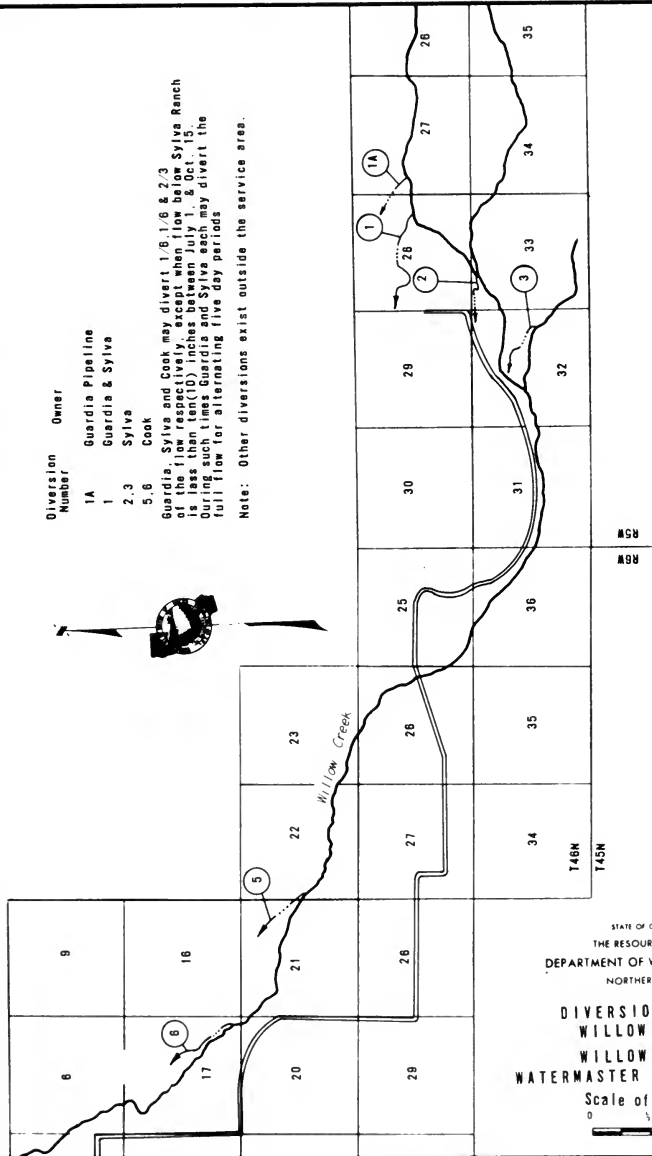
1      Guardia & Sylva

2,3      Sylva

5,6      Cook

Guardia, Sylva and Cook may divert 1/8, 1/6 & 2/3 of the flow respectively, except when flow below Sylva Ranch is less than ten(10) inches between July 1, & Oct. 15. During such times Guardia and Sylva each may divert the full flow for alternating five day periods

Note: Other diversions exist outside the service area.



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DIVERSIONS FROM  
WILLOW CREEK  
WILLOW CREEK  
WATERMASTER SERVICE AREA

Scale of Miles











